

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

### **REGULAR MEETING - FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 1, 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 Morgan Allemond, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Poirier.

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

A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of January 4, 2022.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Tangie Narcisse (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 1st day of February, 2022.

A motion was made by Brook Champagne and seconded by David Poirier to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Special Meeting of January 18, 2022.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Dean LeBlanc.

ABSENT: Tangie Narcisse (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 1st day of February, 2022.

Director of Planning and Zoning Morgan Allemond read the Special Business Item: Placement on the agenda of March 2, 2022, the determination to approve or disapprove the application of Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, Inc. (#20170492-B-ITE) for an Industrial Tax Exemption.

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

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Tangie Narcisse (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 1st day of February, 2022.

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

Morgan Allemond 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 Carla JeanBatiste 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, David Poirier, Chris Tauzin,  
Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Tangie Narcisse (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 1st day of February, 2022.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-02-1348-OR**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL, AS THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF SAID PARISH, PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE EITHER SIDE OF THE PARISH ROAD, BERGERON RIGS ROAD, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 9, SECTION 109, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST, ST. MARTIN PARISH.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council, as the governing authority of said Parish, in regular session convened this 1st day of February, 2022, that no person shall intentionally park a motor vehicle on the either side of BERGERON RIGS ROAD, St. Martin Parish owned and/or maintained by the St. Martin Parish Government.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than Two Hundred Fifty and No/100 (\$250.00) Dollars, nor more than Five Hundred and No/100 (\$500.00) Dollars, 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, David Poirier, Chris Tauzin,  
Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Tangie Narcisse (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 1st day of February, 2022.

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

### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-009-RS**

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Recreation District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 30, 2022, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Recreation District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Recreation District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on January 27, 2022, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, April 30, 2022, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority 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 District 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 Recreation District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

#### **PROPOSITION (MAINTENANCE TAX RENEWAL)**

Shall Recreation District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a two and one-half (2.50) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$58,400 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of maintaining, operating and improving recreational facilities in the District?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District 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, David Poirier, Chris Tauzin,  
Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Tangie Narcisse (excused).

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2022.

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/s/Brooke Gillespie  
Clerk of the Council

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/s/Chris Tauzin  
Chairman

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-010-RS**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government is operating the Breaux Bridge and Cecilia Health Units due to the State of Louisiana's decision to end their operations at these two sites; and

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish Government is now a contracted vendor with the Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC); and

WHEREAS, a requirement of this contract is to provide nutritional educational services; and

WHEREAS, this is a specialty service which must be provided by a certified technician; and

WHEREAS, said contract with St. Martin Parish Government and Jaime M. Rinaudo is for one (1) year and shall be effective February 1, 2022, and will expire on January 31, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize Parish President Chester Cedars to execute a contract in behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government with Jaime M. Rinaudo to provide nutritional educational services.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 1st day of February, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-011-RS**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government needs the services of the Lafayette Juvenile Detention Home to detain St. Martin Parish juveniles committed by the Courts to the Louisiana Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, the Detention Home requires as a condition of its acceptance, assurances from St. Martin Parish Government that it shall pay the Lafayette Juvenile Detention Home a current daily per diem of \$250.00 per day per each juvenile from St. Martin Parish so committed, plus any medical expenses in excess of routine medical matters handled by the Lafayette Juvenile Detention Home's regular physician.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 1st day of February, 2022, that the Parish President be, and he is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to enter into an agreement embodying the mutual considerations contained therein with the Lafayette Juvenile Detention Home for 2022.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 1st day of February, 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. 22-012-RS**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government is required to complete the Louisiana System Survey and Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagement of Government Entities annually; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has contracted with Maraist & Maraist, Certified Public Accountants, to conduct the financial audit of fiscal year ending December 31, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize the execution of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the audit for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 1st day of February, 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. 22-013-RS**

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR A GRANT UNDER 49 CFR 5311, NON-URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM AND/OR 49 CFR 5339, DISCRETIONARY CAPITAL PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL:

1. That the PARISH PRESIDENT is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to the FTA Transit Programs.

2. That the PARISH PRESIDENT is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
3. That the PARISH PRESIDENT is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or financial reimbursement of the project.
4. That the PARISH PRESIDENT is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
5. That the PARISH PRESIDENT is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.
6. This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the DOTD.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 1st day of February, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-014-RS**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reschedule the March 2022 Regular Meeting from Tuesday, March 1, 2022, to Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at it's usually scheduled time in the Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 1st day of February, 2022.

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Director of Planning and Zoning Morgan Allemond read the ordinances introduced for publication, as follows:

SUMMARY NO. 1349-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance setting the speed limit to 35 mph on Isle Labbe Road, located in District 5.

SUMMARY NO. 1350-OR (Introduced by Byron Fuselier, District 1)

An Ordinance setting the speed limit to 15 mph on Adley Wyatt Drive, located in District 1.


Prior to adjournment, Director of Finance Sean Hundley briefly discussed informational items not requiring Council action. Mr. Hundley mentioned that the entrance and exit ramps for I-10 at Butte La Rose are now open. It was stated that the Pontoon Bridge will be closed beginning Thursday, February 10, 2022, and it will remain closed until the replacement is complete in approximately 337 days. Mr. Hundley noted that the sales tax collections have been received for the month of January.



Council Member Dean LeBlanc asked for an update on the structure fire at Paul Angelle Park. Director of Administration Calder Hebert responded. Council Member Byron Fuselier recognized St. Martin Parish Government Public Works employees, Michael Murdock and Leroy Begnaud, for a job well done.

A motion was made by Byron Fuselier seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. 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