

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING - MARCH 15, 2022

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

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Chairman Chris Tauzin has called a **Special Meeting** of the St. Martin Parish Council for 4:30 P.M., Tuesday, March 15, 2022, Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana, in accordance with the Provisions of the St. Martin Parish Home Rule Charter, Section 2.07, Council Meetings and Rules, Paragraph C, to consider the following items:

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) INVOCATION
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 4) ROLL CALL
- 5) SPECIAL BUSINESS:
Receipt of an oral report relative to the removal of the spoil banks by Lafayette Consolidated Government and the consideration and authorization of the action which St. Martin Parish Government should adopt as a consequence of the removal of the spoil banks.
- 6) ORDINANCES INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING:
None.
- 7) RESOLUTIONS:
None.
- 8) ORDINANCES INTRODUCED FOR PUBLICATION:
None.
- 9) ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Tauzin.

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

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 Finance Sean Hundley, Director of Public Works Kasey Courville, Parish Attorney Allan Durand and Deputy Clerk of the Council Chantelle Dever.

Parish President Chester Cedars addressed the Council Members and the public relative to the removal of the spoil banks by Lafayette Consolidated Government. President Cedars gave a detailed timeline of events that led up to this point, including but not limited to, parties involved and conversations had. At the conclusion of his presentation, Parish President Chester Cedars recommended the following action be adopted and/or approved:

1. Authorize him to explore the potential of litigation seeking the restoration of the spoil banks or a similar structure, and any other relief allowed by law. Anyone involved in Lafayette Consolidated Government's surreptitious, potentially illegal, and unpermitted activities should be named as a defendant;
2. Authorize him to demand a full investigation by all affected agencies, including the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Louisiana Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Federal Emergency Protection Agency (FEMA); and
3. Authorize him to call upon our congressional delegation for a full and complete investigation.

Upon hearing no comments from the public on this matter, a motion was made by David Poirier, and seconded by the entire Parish Council, and, therefore, unanimously adopted to approve the three (3) recommendations of Parish President Chester Cedars.

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 15th day of March, 2022.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste 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