

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 2, 2022

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 2, 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 Daniel Richard, Jr.

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

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of February 1, 2022.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused) and Brook Champagne (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2022.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read the Special Business Item: Council to act upon recommendation of the St. Martin Parish Planning Commission to deny a petition for zoning change for property owned by Billy Broussard and located at 1675 Duchamp Road, Broussard, Louisiana, all in accordance with Article IX, Section 4 of the Parish's Zoning Ordinance. Chairman Chris Tauzin then recognized members of the public who requested to speak.

St. Martin Parish resident Mendy Girouard presented the Council with a petition (*on-file*)

from residents of the community opposed to Billy Broussard operating a site to haul debris in their neighborhood. The petition contains 66 signatures.

Property owner Billy Broussard briefly addressed the Council (*speech on-file*). Mr. Broussard mentioned that litigation was filed relative to activity being conducted on his property. Mr. Broussard agreed to go through the rezoning process in exchange for lifting the Temporary Restraining Order and terminating the litigation. Finally, Mr. Broussard requested an investigation into the vandalism of the rezoning signs that were placed in the area.

A motion was made by Daniel Richard, Jr., seconded by Carla JeanBatiste to accept the recommendation of the St. Martin Parish Planning Commission relative to petition for zoning change for property owned by Billy Broussard and located at 1675 Duchamp Road, Broussard, Louisiana, all in accordance with Article IX, Section 4 of the Parish's Zoning Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused) and Brook Champagne (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2022.

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

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused) and Brook Champagne (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2022.

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

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read each ordinance summary.

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

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Tangie Narcisse that the Public Hearing be closed.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused) and Brook Champagne (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-03-1349-OR

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES ON **ISLE LABBE ROAD**, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 5, SECTION 47, TOWNSHIP 8 EAST, RANGE 7 EAST, ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that it shall be unlawful for any person to drive any motor vehicle on **ISLE LABBE ROAD** in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, at a speed in excess of 35 miles per hour;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction shall suffer a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$50.00 at the discretion of the Court;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

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

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

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-03-1350-OR

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES ON ADLEY WYATT DRIVE, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 1, SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST, ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that it shall be unlawful for any person to drive any motor vehicle on ADLEY WYATT DRIVE, in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction shall suffer a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$50.00 at the discretion of the Court;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

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

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

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 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. 22-015-RS

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH KOBELCO FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR THE LEASE OF ONE (1) 2022 KOBELCO SK260LC-11 EXCAVATOR FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS.

WHEREAS, the ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT is in need of one Excavator; and
WHEREAS, the Kobelco Financial Services has agreed to lease the Excavator to the St. Martin Parish Government for a period of five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, the lease of the equipment is a “pure” lease and does not provide for a purchase of the Excavator at the end of the lease term; and

WHEREAS, the proposed lease contains a “non-appropriation” provision and an anti-substitution clause:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Parish President is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to confect a lease agreement with Kobelco Financial Services for ONE (1) 2022 KOBELCO SK260LC-11 Excavator; the said term of the lease being five (5) years and providing for a monthly lease amount of \$2,788.09.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any accord confected by and between the ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT and Kobelco Financial Services shall contain such other terms, conditions, and provisions as the Parish President, acting in his uncontrolled discretion, may deem appropriate.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-016-RS

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH KOBELCO FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR THE LEASE OF ONE (1) 2016 KOBELCO SK75SR EXCAVATOR FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS.

WHEREAS, the ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT is in need of one Excavator; and

WHEREAS, the Kobelco Financial Services has agreed to lease the Excavator to the St. Martin Parish Government for a period of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, the lease of the equipment is a “pure” lease and does not provide for a purchase of the Excavator at the end of the lease term; and

WHEREAS, the proposed lease contains a “non-appropriation” provision and an anti-substitution clause:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Parish President is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to confect a lease agreement with Kobelco Financial Services for ONE (1) 2016 KOBELCO SK75SR Excavator; the said term of the lease being three (3) years and providing for a monthly lease amount of \$658.31.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any accord confected by and between the ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT and Kobelco Financial Services shall contain such other terms, conditions, and provisions as the Parish President, acting in his uncontrolled discretion, may deem appropriate.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 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. 22-017-RS

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO CONFECT A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CAJUN BROADBAND, INC. FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF FIBER IN PORTIONS OF ST. MARTIN PARISH UTILIZING FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that, “For a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions...may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual”; and

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to cooperate with CAJUN BROADBAND, INC. (“Contracting Party”) in the implementation of the Project as hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, internet services in the 21st century has assumed status as a necessary utility, and access to high-speed internet is critical to the communication of information for individuals and businesses for numerous purposes affecting public health, safety, and welfare, including but not limited to educational and commercial uses (e.g., remote work and education from the home which has become more prevalent, desired, and/or required, particularly during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, and which often requires high-speed internet for videoconferencing and similar communications), governmental uses (e.g., accessing governmental information and/or applying for government benefits or services), and access to health or safety information or services (including

online videoconferencing for medical consultation and treatment); and

WHEREAS, in March 2020, Dr. Gary Wagner, Professor of Economics at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, submitted a report to Leslie Durham, the Governor's designee to the Delta Regional Authority which concluded that "high-speed internet access, or broadband, is critical to economic opportunity, job creation, education, and civic engagement"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wagner further opined in the said report that there was "strong evidence that consumer broadband speeds are an important causal factor in explaining population changes across the state." Additionally, Dr. Wagner noted that "relative to communities where broadband speeds remain largely unchanged between 2014-2018, the change in population over this period was significantly higher for communities that experienced larger changes in broadband speeds"; and

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Planning Commission ("APC") released in the summer of 2021 a comprehensive broadband assessment for the Acadiana Region which embraces St. Martin Parish; and

WHEREAS, the APC concluded in its assessment that "access to broadband is linked to educational performance, workforce training, health outcomes and employment"; and

WHEREAS, the research of the APC as noted in the aforesaid assessment reflects that "between 2014 and 2018, about 31,000 jobs were lost as a result of poor access to broadband. Further, analysis of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) broadband access data provides strong evidence that faster business download speeds were directly tied to greater job growth"; and

WHEREAS, the APC also observed that as broadband technologies evolved over time, patchwork investments have led to a hybrid network relying on a combination of modern and legacy technologies in many areas where the user experience is often limited by outdated components; and

WHEREAS, it was the position of the APC as set forth in its assessment that "a modern standard for future broadband development in Acadiana should be based on fiberoptic networks with fiber-to-the home offering a minimum speed of 100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload"; and

WHEREAS, the APC research as published in its assessment has determined that the median download speed in St. Martin Parish is only 45.60 Mbps and the median upload speed is a mere 9.88 Mbps; and

WHEREAS, another feature of the APC assessment notes that 24.54% of St. Martin Parish households lack any broadband services; and

WHEREAS, ST. Martin Parish Government incorporates herein by reference the entirety of the aforementioned report of Dr. Gary Wagner and the said published assessment of the APC; and

WHEREAS, the Parish has the authority to enter into Cooperative Endeavor Agreements as evidenced by its governmental purpose of ensuring its residents have access to high-speed internet for the overall improvement of the health, safety, and welfare of the Parish, including socioeconomic and geographic equality in access to high-speed internet, and in particular, furnishing high-speed internet to unserved or underserved areas of the Parish due to perceived or actual economic inefficiencies in the private sector which has heretofore led to such areas being underserved in the high-speed internet services market; and

WHEREAS, providing for infrastructure promotes the development of residential households, commerce and industry, and improves the overall quality of life for St. Martin Parish residents and the business community of the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the public purpose of the Project is to ensure the provision of high-speed internet to underserved areas and residents of the Parish in accordance with the public purposes and policies set forth above; and

WHEREAS, the Parish has reasonable expectation of receiving a benefit or value described in detail that is at least equivalent or greater than the consideration described in this Agreement, and the transfer or expenditure of public funds or property in connection with the Project is not a gratuitous donation as more fully set forth below:

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that St. Martin Parish President, CHESTER R. CEDARS, be and is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with CAJUN BROADBAND, INC. ("Contracting Party") whereby the latter shall acquire, install, source, and supply fiber optic lines and internet connectivity necessary to provide fiber-to-the home high-speed internet at minimum speeds of 100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload, scalable to 1,000 Mbps (the Project).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Contracting Party as a condition of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, shall agree that its rate structure for services shall be no greater than the prevailing rates for comparable services in the Acadiana Region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fiber acquisition and installation, the Project, shall embrace approximately 73,000 feet of fiber-to-the home and include approximately 700 households and 75 businesses. Moreover, the Contracting Party shall continue to pursue its current application for funding via the Granting Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities ("GUMBO") program offered through the Louisiana Office of Broadband Development & Connectivity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement shall provide that St. Martin Parish will commit \$1.5 million toward the Project identified herein and will offer support in the amount of \$300,000 for the current GUMBO application of the Contracting Party. The source of all monetary contributions of the Parish shall be from its allotment from the American Rescue Plan Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President is hereby authorized and directed to incorporate in the said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement such further terms, conditions, and provisions as he deems necessary and fit to confirm the accord. As such, he is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this resolution.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-018-RS

A RESOLUTION OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL APPROVING THE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION OF LOUISIANA SUGAR CANE COOPERATIVE, INC. (APPLICATION NUMBER 20170492-B-ITE), ALL RELATIVE TO AN EXEMPTION OF 80% OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR TEN YEARS.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution provides that the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry ("Board"), with the approval of the Governor of the State of Louisiana ("Governor") may enter into contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes for certain industrial and manufacturing ventures; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has established the terms and conditions pursuant to which he will approve contracts for the Industrial Tax Exemption ("Exemption"); and, the Board has promulgated Rules pursuant to which it will approve contracts, all in accordance with Article VII, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has declared that no Exemption shall be allowed unless approved by the local taxing authorities of the Parish in which the industrial enterprise operates; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, Inc. has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption under Application Number 20170492-B-ITE; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2022, the Board of Commerce and Industry approved the aforesaid application of Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, Inc. has signed an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development setting forth various terms and obligations associated with the approval and implementation of the Exemption including the obligation of Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, Inc. to maintain the current number of jobs which provide an annual salary of \$222,850.00 over the ten year period of the Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council has afforded due consideration of the factors set forth in Resolution Number 20-024-RS adopted on April 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish School Board and the Sheriff of St. Martin Parish have

approved the Exemption; and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation, the St. Martin Parish Council concludes that the Exemption, together with terms and conditions associated therewith and as set forth in the aforementioned accord confected with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development comport with the dictates of economic development and therefore inures to the overall benefit of St. Martin Parish:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened this 2nd day of March, 2022, that the Industrial Tax Exemption of Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, Inc. (Application Number 20170492-B-ITE) be and is hereby formally and officially approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all of the terms, conditions, and provisions of the agreement between Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, Inc. and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development confected in connection with the extant Industrial Tax Exemption Application (Application Number 20170492-B-ITE) be and are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-019-RS

WHEREAS, today's libraries are not just about book but what they do for and with people;
and

WHEREAS, libraries of all types are at the heart of cities, towns, schools and campuses; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions where people of all backgrounds can be together and connect; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians build strong communities through transformative services, programs and expertise; and

WHEREAS, libraries, which promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all, are cornerstones of democracy; and

WHEREAS, libraries promote civic engagement by keeping people informed and aware of community events and issues; and

WHEREAS, librarians and library workers partner with other civic organizations to make sure their community's needs are being met; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians empower their communities to make informed decisions by providing free access to information; and

WHEREAS, libraries are a resource for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status, by offering services and educational resources that transform lives and strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 2nd day of March, 2022, does hereby proclaim the week of April 3-9, 2022, as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, and does hereby encourage all residents to visit the library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available at your library and explore what's new at your library and engage with your librarian. Find your place at the library.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-020-RS

WHEREAS, the week of April 11-15, 2022, has been designated as National Community Development Week by the National Community Development Association; and

WHEREAS, ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT has for several years been a participant in and a benefactor of the Community Block Grant Program (CDBGP) which funds public infrastructure, economic development, and housing programs in St. Martin Parish; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the CDBGP, a strong, effective, and professional relationship has been developed among the government of St. Martin Parish and its residents, principally, though not exclusively, those of low-to-moderate income; and

WHEREAS, ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT acknowledges that the CDBGP is a partnership among federal, state, and local government, and that the services funded by the CDBGP is reliant upon the dedication and good will of the combined efforts of the foregoing; and

WHEREAS, the CDBGP provides annual funding and flexibility to local communities to provide safe and affordable housing, sewer, water, and street improvements projects, and other infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the United States Government, State of Louisiana, and the political subdivisions of the latter acknowledge and recognize the critical value and contributions of the CDBGP; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the CDBGP in 1974 to date major public projects have become a reality in St. Martin Parish because of CDBGP funds:

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that St. Martin Parish Council does hereby designate the week of April 11-15, 2022, as

NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this designation signifies the appreciation and recognition of all participants whose hard work and devotion to the residents of low-and moderate-income neighborhoods which helps insure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Government opposes any attempts to eliminate or reduce the funding for the CDBGP and hereby urges the United States Congress to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by CDBGP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the federal government including but not limited to the entire Congressional delegation who serves the State of Louisiana.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-021-RS

WHEREAS, the strength of our nation flows from the promise of individual equality and freedom of choice; and

WHEREAS, the 54th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April 2022, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever and wherever it exists; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid law guarantees each citizen the critical, personal element of freely and without any invidious compunction selecting a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of that law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the departments and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in an effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government embrace all of the foregoing ideals; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home, will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 2nd day of March, 2022, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2022 as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, and does hereby encourage all citizens to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law, and ask the citizens of this Parish to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-022-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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reappoint Ms. Carla JeanBatiste to serve as a member on the Region IV LGE Board, representing St. Martin Parish. Said term is a three (3) year term expiring, on March 3, 2025.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-023-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council is interested in reappointing a member of the St. Martin Parish Waterworks District No. 3 Board (Cade) whose term will expire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reappoint Mr. John Hayes, for a three (3) year term, expiring on March 6, 2025, to serve as a member on the St. Martin Parish Waterworks District No. 3 Board (Cade).

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 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. 22-024-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has made an official call for bids for the Catahoula Lake Dredging Project; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the advertisement, sealed bids were opened February 23, 2022, and five (5) complete bid packets were received for said project; and

WHEREAS, the bids were taken under advisement and have been analyzed by Sellers & Associates Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Sellers & Associates Inc. has recommended, in writing, the low responsive bidder, Coastal Dredging Company, Inc., with a Base Bid in the amount of \$1,423,615.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby award the contract for the Catahoula Lake Dredging Project, to the low bidder, Coastal Dredging Company, Inc., in the amount of \$1,423,615.00.

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-025-RS

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NOVEMBER 2021 HAZARD MITIGATION
PLAN FOR ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT AS PREPARED BY APTIM.

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2000, the President of the United States signed into law the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000); and

WHEREAS, DMA 2000 amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act by, among other things, adding a new section, 322—Mitigation Planning—which places new emphasis on local mitigation planning; and

WHEREAS, Section 322 requires local governments to develop and submit mitigation plans as a condition of receiving Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) project grants; and

WHEREAS, an Interim Final Rule (the Rule) for implementing Section 322 was published in the Federal Register, 44 CFR Parts 201 and 206, on February 26, 2002, with requirements for Local Plans found in Part 201.6; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) local mitigation planning initiative is focused at the parish level; and

WHEREAS, all Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and GOHSEP procedures have been adhered to and approvals obtained by the proper regulatory agencies; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has diligently participated in preparation of the plan update and supports the plan as it pertains to the entire parish:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council that the Parish President and Council do hereby adopt the overall Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, dated November 2021, and prepared by APTIM; the said plan consisting of 234 pages inclusive of exhibits.

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED that the Parish President be authorized to sign and execute any and all document necessary to effectuate the above and foregoing resolution.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this 2nd of March, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-026-RS

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE CONSOLIDATION PERIOD FOR THE CONSOLIDATED WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 4 OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARTIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA DESCRIBED IN ORDINANCE NUMBER 21-12-1341, AND EXTENDING THE CESSATION DATE OF THE CURRENT WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 4 OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARTIN, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5 OF THE SAID ORDINANCE NUMBER 21-12-1341-OR.

WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, as well as the provisions of Chapter 22, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, (La. R.S. 33:7702 et seq.), and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto (the "Act"), permit the St. Martin Parish Council (the "Parish Council"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), to create one or more consolidated waterworks districts in the Parish; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of the Act, the Parish Council, adopted a resolution on November 2, 2021, declaring its intent to create Consolidated Waterworks District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "District"), describing the territory to compose the District and the proposed boundaries thereof, ordering and directing the publication of a notice of intention to create the District, and providing for the hearing of any and all objections to the creation thereof; and

WHEREAS, notice of the intent of the Parish Council to create the District was published one time pursuant to the Act in the *Teche News*, the official journal of the Parish, with said publication occurring on November 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish, has determined that the creation of the District is in the best interests of the Parish and the inhabitants of the area affected; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council adopted on December 7, 2021, Ordinance Number 21-12-1341-OR which created the District; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the consolidated district described in the said Ordinance Number 21-12-1341-OR requires the abolition of the current Waterworks District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Martin, effective ninety (90) days after the adoption of the said Ordinance on December 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the steps necessary to complete the consolidation/creation of the District in question will require several more months, thus, mandating that the current Waterworks District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Martin continue to exist and operate:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 5 of Ordinance Number 21-12-1341-OR adopted on December 7, 2021, Waterworks District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Martin shall continue in existence for an additional 210 days after which it shall cease to exist, unless the St. Martin Parish further extends its existence.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this 2nd of March, 2022.

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Insert Resolution No. 22-027-RS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-027-RS

A Resolution providing for the employment of placement agent/underwriter in connection with the issuance by the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, of its not exceeding Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Sub-Part A, Part III, Chapter 4 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended and other constitutional and statutory authority, and an election held on December 10, 2016, the results of which have been duly promulgated in accordance with law, the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), acting through the St. Martin Parish Council (the "Governing Authority"), wishes to issue not exceeding Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022 (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the issuance of the Bonds it is also necessary that the Issuer provide for employment of an underwriter and approve the preparation of the Official Statement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, that:

SECTION 1. This Governing Authority hereby approves the sale of the Bonds in one or more series for the purpose set forth in the proposition approved by the voters on December 10, 2016. The Bonds shall have the terms and other characteristics as shall be approved by this Governing Authority in a subsequent resolution or resolutions.

SECTION 2. Stifel, Nicolaus & Company Incorporated, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is hereby appointed as placement agent/underwriter in connection with the said Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the Issuer and to be paid from the proceeds of said Bonds and contingent upon the issuance of said Bonds; provided that no compensation shall be due to said placement agent/underwriter unless said Bonds are sold and delivered.

SECTION 3. The Issuer hereby approves the preparation of the Preliminary Official Statement and approves and authorizes delivery of such Preliminary Official Statement to the Underwriter for use in connection with the public offering of the Bonds.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this 2nd of March, 2022.

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/s/ Brooke Gillespie
Clerk of Council

/s/ Chris Tauzin
Chairman

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Chester Cedars
Parish President

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

SUMMARY NO. 1351-OR (Introduced by Daniel Richard, Jr., District 9)

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 located at 2460-A Cecilia High School Highway, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, all for the express purposes of operating a rural health clinic.

Prior to adjournment, Parish President Chester Cedars reminded the Council of the April 30 election for Sales Tax District No. 1. President Cedars noted this tax renewal is critical for our Parish. Council Member Carla JeanBatiste mentioned that Parish President Chester Cedars is speaking at the Police Jury Association of Louisiana Annual Convention being held next week.

A motion was made by David Poirier 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