The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room. Following the Invocation offered by Council Member G. Michel, Council Member J. Amedée led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call, Council Members recorded as present were: G. Michel, J. Amedée, J. Domangue, D. W. Guidry, Sr., D. Babin, D. J. Guidry, S. Trosclair, J. Navy, and C. Harding. A quorum was declared present.

Mr. J. Navy moved, seconded by Mr. J. Amedée, “THAT the Council approve the minutes of the Regular Council Session held on January 15, 2020.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Navy.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. J. Navy moved, seconded by Mr. C. Harding, “THAT the Council approve the Accounts Payable Bill Lists for 02/03/2020.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Navy.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINING: J. Amedée and D. W. Guidry, Sr.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Council Member J. Domangue commended the South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center and its associated volunteers for the “Rougarou Festival” being awarded the title of “Festival of the Year” in the State of Louisiana by the Louisiana Travel Association.

Upon Council Member J. Navy’s request, the Chairman recognized Ms. Margie Scoby, “Finding Our Roots” Museum Curator, who gave a presentation regarding some documentation recently provided to the African-American Genealogy Committee and its connections to historical figures and Terrebonne Parish.

Council Member J. Navy shared his appreciation for Ms. Scoby and the Museum’s work in rediscovering and highlighting significant figures in the Parish’s history and their initiative to bring these figures forward in order to educate and guide the people of today.

OFFERED BY: MR. C. HARDING
SECONDED BY: MR. J. NAVY

RESOLUTION NO. 20-050
CHANGING THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCTS 015 AND 016 IN TERREBONNE PARISH BACK TO SOUTHDOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2016 Southdown Elementary School was razed and construction of a new school was begun and there was a need to change the polling place for Precincts 015 and 016 on an emergency base, and

WHEREAS, Terrebonne High School Boys Gym, was able to be used as a temporary polling place, and

WHEREAS, the facility was finished in 2019 and became operational in August of 2019 as the new Southdown Elementary School, and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2019, a mandatory inspection to ensure was performed to ensure that the area at the school to be used for voting purposes met the criteria as set out in the election code and the HAVA survey was done at the same time and it was determined the HAVA requirements were more than adequate as well as compliant (copy attached).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that the polling place for Precinct Nos. 015 and 016 be moved back to the Southdown Elementary School located at 1124 St. Charles Street, Houma, LA beginning with the fall 2020 election from its temporary location (Terrebonne High School Boys Gym located at 7318 Main Street, Houma, La.), effective as soon as authorized by the United States Justice Department and the Louisiana Secretary of State.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 5th day of February 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-051

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 4 OF THE PARISH OF TERREBONNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Recreation District No. 4 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Recreation District No. 4 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on February 5, 2020, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, May 9, 2020, 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 Terrebonne, 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 Parish Council of the Parish of Terrebonne, 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. 4 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, May 9, 2020, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Recreation District No. 4 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a special tax of six and ninety-one hundredths (6.91) mills on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2021 and ending with the year 2030 (an estimated $600,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating recreational facilities for said Recreation 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.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 5th day of February 2020.

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The Chairman recognized Mr. Eddie O’Halloran, Miller Electric, who gave a brief overview of the companies involved in providing their “smart city lighting” projects and then introduced their representatives in attendance and they were recorded as follows: Eddie O’Halloran, Miller Electric, Percy Gasery, Gasery & Associates, Geoff Neilson, Graybar Electric, Donnie Kincaid, SESCO Lighting, Roger Cheek, Visionaire Lighting, and Darren Scharringhausen, Visionaire Lighting.

Upon Council Member J. Navy’s request, the Chairman recognized Mr. Mike Toups, Parish Manager, who outlined a number of issues the Parish encountered when reviewing a previously submitted proposal by Miller Electric and highlighted concerns regarding the proposal’s financing requirements adhering to state regulations and inconsistency with financing requirements as originally presented to the Council. Mr. Gasery clarified that the financing requirements as presented were intended only as an outline of potential costs and that finer discussion was expected.

Mr. O’Halloran gave an overview of the financing requirements and procedures for potential “smart city lighting” projects. A discussion then ensued relative to “smart city lighting” projects in Louisiana and the provisions to be followed in order to adhere to state regulations involving the financing of public works projects.

Discussion then continued regarding an audit to be submitted to Terrebonne Parish regarding the usage and other statistics of smart city lights installed on a trial basis in certain areas in the Parish. Council Member J. Navy suggested that Administration be allowed time to
review the audit’s findings and continue discussion with the smart city lighting providers to determine if the Parish could benefit from any of the features being offered and the feasibility of providing funding for such upgrades. Mr. O’Halloran reported that he had received documentation earlier that day stating the Parish’s rejection of the proposal and its desire to have a trial period contract be completed with the street lights being returned to their original condition.

Upon Council Member G. Michel’s request, Mr. Gasery clarified that, over time, the potential savings for a smart city lighting project would offset project costs with the amount of time required pending the scope of the project, the number of features to be included, and other factors. Council Member G. Michel then asked that a listing of potential features and a listing of other municipalities who have completed similar smart city lighting projects be provided for review.

Council Member C. Harding suggested exercising caution when considering “smart city lighting” features then shared his concerns that an excess of features would greatly impact the expected savings.

Council Member J. Amedée suggested that the Parish could research if any methods are available that would allow for a “smart city lighting” project to be completed then thanked the representatives for their participation and options for à la carte pricing regarding specific features. He then shared his support for continuing discussion regarding “smart city lighting” projects once the aforementioned audit had been reviewed by Terrebonne Parish and the legality of financing such projects had been determined.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Gordon Dove, Parish President, who stated that the Parish has a plan in place for updating TPCG Utilities street lights to LEDs and would look to complete 4,000 upgrades in total.

Council Member D. Babin shared his opinions regarding the steps taken to approach Terrebonne Parish regarding “smart city lighting” projects then stated his appreciation for additional information from the representatives once the Parish had reviewed the audit’s findings and potential features from such installations.

Upon Council Member D. J. Guidry’s request, the Chairman recognized Ms. Kandace Mauldin, Chief Financial Officer, who stated that price comparisons for security cameras at street lights and other requested features would be included with audit findings for the Council to review.

Discussion then ensued regarding the installation process and a number of features available through “smart city lighting” projects. Council Member D. J. Guidry then shared his support for providing security cameras and upgrading street lights in high crime areas as proactive measures to increase public safety. He then suggested that the “smart city lighting” representatives return in the next month to present additional details as needed to allow Terrebonne Parish to review the audit and compile other necessary information to continue discussion.

Council Member D. Babin suggested that the Parish consider comparing basic lighting costs between current and proposed street lights as compiled via the audit before determining if additional features could be included.

The Chairman announced that the Parish Council will consider a tax proposition resolution at their meeting on March 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. 8026 Main Street, Houma, Louisiana.

Mr. D. J. Guidry moved, seconded by Mr. J. Navy, “THAT the Council allow an add-on item to the Agenda: Street Light approvals.”

The Chairman called for public comments regarding the proposed add-on item.
There were no comments from the public regarding the proposed add-on item.

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. J. Guidry.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. D. J. Guidry moved, seconded by Mr. J. Amedée, “THAT the Council approved the following street light list:

STREET LIGHT LIST
02-05-2020

INSTALL ONE (1) 250-WATT STREET LIGHT ON EXISTING POLE AT 148 KAYLA COURT; ENTERGY; RLD #5; STEVE TROSCLAIR; DISTRICT 9.
INSTALL ONE (1) 40-WATT LED STREET LIGHT ON EXISTING POLE AT 101 SEA BLUE LANE; SLECA; RLD NO. 1; JOHN AMEDÉE; DISTRICT 4.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. J. Guidry.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Ed Bice, Leadership Terrebonne Class of 2020, who recognized the other Leadership Terrebonne class members in the audience and gave a brief overview of the class’s activities for the year.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Anthony Rainey, Sr., Houma resident, who shared his concerns regarding a potential ethics violation associated with the Terrebonne Parish Recreation Department.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Gordon Dove, Parish President, who stated that a Parish personnel issue had been recently discovered and that the matter is currently being addressed.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Julius Hebert, Parish Attorney, who reiterated that, as a personnel issue, the matter was unsuitable for public discussion and reiterated that the matter was being addressed accordingly.

Council Member C. Harding reiterated that the issue was a personnel matter and that no determinations had been made at this time.

The Chairman called for a report on the Budget and Finance Committee meeting held on 02/03/2020, whereupon the Committee Chairman, noting ratification of minutes calls a public hearing on February 19, 2020, rendered the following:

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 3, 2020

The Chairman, John Navy, called the Budget & Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with an Invocation offered by Committee Member C. Harding and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Committee Member D. W.
Guidry, Sr.  Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: G. Michel, J. Amedée, J. Domangue, D. W. Guidry, Sr., D. Babin, D. J. Guidry, S. Trosclair, J. Navy and C. Harding. A quorum was declared present.

OFFERED BY: MR. D. J. GUIDRY
SECONDED BY: MR. C. HARDING AND MR. D. W. GUIDRY, SR.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-052

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT, GORDON E. DOVE, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH START CORPORATION TO PARTIALLY FUND THE SERVICES AND OPERATIONS OF THE VETERANS SHELTER TO BE PROVIDED AND STAFFED BY START CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $28,000.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution authorizes the use of public funds and property “for programs of social welfare for the aid and support of the needy”; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana has determined that the mentally handicapped and developmentally disabled qualify as needy within the meaning of Article VII, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution further provides that “[F]or a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations 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, START Corporation will be providing a shelter facility to qualifying low-income veterans in Terrebonne Parish, and

WHEREAS, TPCG believes that partially funding the services of START Corporation will serve a public purpose and is not gratuitous in light of the benefit provided.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, hereby authorizes Gordon E. Dove, Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement pending Legal review with START Corporation for an amount not to exceed $28,000.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: J. Domangue.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 3RD day of February 2020.

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Mr. C. Harding offered a resolution that authorizes the Parish President to negotiate and execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Parish Sheriff’s Office for overtime incurred during the 2020 Mardi Gras Season. *(RESOLUTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION AND SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILS)*
Discussion ensued with several Council members expressing their concerns regarding the intergovernmental agreement with the Sheriff’s Office. Some members questioned the amount of the funding, the timing of the request, along with questioning the account that the funding were going to be taken from; stating that the requested amount was not budgeted in the 2020 Proposed Budget.

Chief Financial Officer K. Mauldin explained that the aforementioned funding is to pay overtime incurred during this Mardi Gras season. She explained that the funding for the proposed overtime is going to be taken from the Public Safety Fund balance; stating that the Public Safety Fund has multiple sources of revenues and there is ample enough money in the fund to supplement the Sheriff Office’s overtime. Ms. Mauldin further explained that the funding is only for the 2020 Mardi Gras season and documentation will need to be provided to match the funding agreed upon; stating that if monies are needed for the next Mardi Season, the new Sheriff would have to request those funds.

Coastal Restoration Director M. Black stated that he understood the dilemma and the concerns but reiterated that public safety is the parish’s major concern during Mardi Gras season; noting that parish and the Sheriff’s Office has a shared responsibility and the amount of the funding negotiated is equally divided.

**Mr. G. Michel offered a substitute motion, “THAT, the Budget and Finance Committee defer action on the resolution Authorizing the Parish President to negotiate and execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Parish Sheriff’s Office for overtime incurred during the 2020 Mardi Gras Season for two weeks.”

**The Chairman declared the motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Discussion continued with several Committee members questioning the methods that the Sheriff’s Office used in past years regarding safety during Mardi Gras and if funding is available to compensate the Houma Police Department during this time as well. The Council asked that the Sheriff be in attendance at Wednesday night’s Council meeting to answer any and all questions that may arise regarding Mardi Gras overtime funding.

Assistant Parish Attorney M. Neil explained that in order to add an item to the Wednesday night’s agenda, the item would need advanced posting (48hours); noting that this matter can be discussed during the ratification of the Budget and Finance Committee minutes.

OFFERED BY: MR. C. HARDING
SECONDED BY: MR. S. TROSCCLAIR

RESOLUTION NO. 20-053

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PARISH SHERIFF’S OFFICE FOR OVERTIME INCURRED DURING THE 2020 MARDI GRAS SEASON.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1324 (1) provides that any parish or political subdivision of the state may make agreements between or among themselves to engage jointly in the acquisition or improvement of any public project or improvement, specifically including local law enforcement, provided that at least one of the participants to the agreement is authorized under a provision of law to perform such activity for completion of the undertaking; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to maintain the police presence within the Parish during Mardi Gras Parades, the PARISH desires to cooperate with the TPSO for funding overtime up to $75,000; and
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, authorizes the Parish President to negotiate and execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff’s Office and to address other matters relative thereto as approved by the legal department.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
**The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 3RD day of February 2020.

Upon questioning from Committee Member G. Michel regarding the ownership of the building that house the Finding Our Roots Museum, Committee Chairman J. Navy stated that the owners of the building is the Louisiana Southern Baptist Association of the Fifth District and the 503(c) non-profit organization is the Finding Our Roots Museum.

Chief Finance Officer K. Mauldin explained that the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement will be funded pending legal review and/or legal approval; stating that part of the parish legal department verification process includes whether or not the parish will be able to improve the property based on ownership.

Upon questioning from Committee Member D. J. Guidry regarding ADA compliance as it relates the Finding Our Roots Museum, Committee Chairman J. Navy stated that Ms. Margie Scoby, the founder of the Finding Our Roots Museum, has had the building registered on the national registry as an historical building and will be in attendance at Wednesday night’s meeting and she can answer all questions regarding the museum; noting that the installation of the elevator lift will help the elderly and disabled avoid using the stairs when entering the museum.

OFFERED BY: MR. C. HARDING
SECONDED BY: MR. D. W. GUIDRY, SR.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-054

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE FINDING OUR ROOTS TO PROVIDE $15,000 FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES AND $30,000 FOR AN ELEVATOR LIFT AND TO FURTHER THE BENEFITS THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDES

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution further provides that “For a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations 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, Louisiana Constitution Article VI, Section 20, Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:1324 and Section 1-07 of the Terrebonne Parish Charter provides “the parish government is authorized, as provided by state law, to enter into joint service agreements or cooperative efforts with other governmental agencies and political subdivisions”; and,

WHEREAS, ROOTS, a non-profit corporation operating in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana and

WHEREAS, ROOTS is the first museum dedicated to preserving the history and culture of black communities in Terrebonne, Lafourche and St. Mary Parishes and is tourist destination furthering the public interest of tourism, culture and education, and
WHEREAS, TPCG believes a donation to ROOTS will provide equal or greater economic and/or educational benefits to Terrebonne Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, hereby authorizes the Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement pending Legal approval with the Finding our Roots for an amount not to exceed $45,000.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 3rd day of February 2020.

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Mr. D. J. Guidry moved, seconded by Mr. S. Trosclair, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to amend the 2020 Adopted Operating Budget and 5-Year Capital Outlay Budget of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the following items and to provide for related matters:

I. Re-class Several CDBG Recovery Projects, Net Affect - $0
II. Public Safety Fund - $75,000
III. Public Safety Fund - $21,000
IV. Clerk of Court - $69,448

and call a public hearing on said matter on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. J. Guidry.
THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. D. W. Guidry, Sr. moved, seconded by Ms. J. Domangue, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Budget & Finance Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. W. Guidry, Sr.
THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

John A. Navy, Chairman
Tammy E. Triggs, Minute Clerk

Mr. J. Navy moved, seconded by Mr. D. Babin, “THAT the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee meeting held on 02/03/2020.” (*MOTION VOTED ON AFTER DISCUSSION)
Upon Council Member G. Michel’s request, the Chairman recognized Mr. Jerry Larpenter, Terrebonne Parish Sheriff, who gave an overview of the obstacles being experienced by the Sheriff’s Office in providing additional officers to work during parade seasons. He stated that he had been offered some assistance in accommodating the overtime payments for additional officers to operate during the upcoming parade season. He then suggested that the Parish could consider collecting fees from Mardi Gras organizations as a measure to offset additional costs for law enforcement overtime during parade seasons.

*The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Navy.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: C. Harding.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman called for a report on the Policy, Procedure, and Legal Committee meeting held on 02/03/2020, whereupon the Committee Chairman rendered the following:

POLICY, PROCEDURE, & LEGAL COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 3, 2020

The Chairman, J. Amedée, called the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting to order at 5:57 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with an Invocation offered by Committee Member J. Domangue and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Committee Member J. Amedée. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: G. Michel, J. Amedée, J. Domangue, D. W. Guidry, Sr., D. Babin, D. J. Guidry, S. Trosclair, J. Navy and C. Harding. A quorum was declared present.

OFFERED BY: MR. D. W. GUIDRY, SR.
SECONDED BY: MR. G. MICHEL

RESOLUTION NO. 20-055

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG) is authorized to provide Property Insurance, Equipment Floater, and Special Equipment Floater coverage through its Department of Risk Management; and

WHEREAS, Administration and the Risk Management Department reviewed and analyzed Property Insurance, Equipment Floater, and Special Equipment Floater Insurance quotes and submits a recommendation for Property Insurance, Special Equipment Floater, and Equipment Floater; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Administration and the Risk Management Department that the attached schedule of Property Insurance premiums become accepted effective for March 1, 2020.

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Administration and the Risk Management Department that the attached schedule for the Equipment Floater and Special Equipment Floater premiums become accepted effective for March 1, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Policy, Procedure and legal Committee) on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that the recommendation of Administration and the Risk Management Department is to accept the attached schedule of Property Insurance, Equipment Floater, and Special Equipment Floater premiums effective for March 1, 2020.
THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 3rd day of February 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-056

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG) is authorized to provide Boiler and Machinery Equipment Breakdown Insurance coverage through its Department of Risk Management; and

WHEREAS, Administration and the Risk Management Department reviewed and analyzed Boiler and Machinery Equipment Breakdown Insurance quotes and submits a recommendation for Boiler and Machinery coverage; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Administration and the Risk Management Department that the attached schedule of Boiler and Machinery Equipment Breakdown Insurance premiums become accepted effective for March 1, 2020 to March 1, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Policy, Procedure and legal Committee) on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that the recommendation of Administration and the Risk Management Department is to accept the attached schedule for Boiler and Machinery Equipment Breakdown premiums effective for March 1, 2020.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 3rd day of February 2020.

Mr. S. Trosclair moved, seconded by Mr. G. Michel, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee approve the co-sponsorship request for LA6 Volleyball Club’s Bayou Bash Volleyball Tournament to be held on February 29 – March 1, 2020 at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center.

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. S. Trosclair.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.
Mr. D. W. Guidry, Sr. moved, seconded by Mr. G. Michel, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. W. Guidry, Sr.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

John Amedée, Chairman
Tammy E. Triggs, Minute Clerk

Mr. J. Amedée moved, seconded by Mr. G. Michel, “THAT the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Policy, Procedure, and Legal Committee meeting held on 02/03/2020.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Amedée.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: C. Harding.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman called for a report on the Public Services Committee meeting held on 01/27/2020, whereupon the Committee Chairman rendered the following:

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 3, 2020

The Chairman, Carl Harding, called the Public Services Committee meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with an Invocation offered by Committee Member D. W. Guidry, Sr. and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Committee Member J. Navy. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: G. Michel, J. Amedée, J. Domangue, D. W. Guidry, Sr., D. Babin, D. J. Guidry, S. Trosclair, J. Navy and C. Harding. A quorum was declared present.

OFFERED BY: MR. G. MICHEL
SECONDED BY: MR. J. AMEDÉE

RESOLUTION NO. 20-057

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH CHAIN ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE 115 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. 17-ELT-41.

WHEREAS, by contract dated February 28, 2019, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government did award a contract to Chain Electric Company for the 115 KV Transmission Line Improvements, Project No. 17-ELT-41, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, as will be seen by reference to said contract which is recorded under Entry No. 1576677 of the records of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and
WHEREAS, a Change Order No. 2 has been recommended to include an eleven (11) calendar day extension, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that Change Order No. 2 to the construction contract with Chain Electric Company for the 115 KV Transmission Line Improvements, Project No. 17-ELT-41 be, and is hereby, approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President, and all appropriate parties be, and they are hereby, authorized to execute Change Order No. 2, for an eleven (11) calendar day extension.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 3rd day of February 2020.

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OFFERED BY: MR. G. MICHEL
SECONDED BY: MR. J. AMEDÉE

RESOLUTION NO. 20-058

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF WORK PERFORMED BY LOW LAND CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR PARISH PROJECT NO. 18-DRA-53, VALHI DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into a contract dated April 17, 2019 with Low Land Construction Co., Inc. for Parish Project No. 18-DRA-53, Valhi Drainage Improvements Project, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, as will be seen by reference to said contract which is recorded under Entry No. 1579344 of the records of Terrebonne Parish, and

WHEREAS, the work performed has been inspected by authorized representatives of the Owner, Engineer, and Contractor and found to be substantially complete, and

WHEREAS, the Engineer for this project, Delta Coast Consultants, LLC, recommends the acceptance of the substantial completion, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby accept the work performed, effective as of the date of recording of this resolution, and does authorize and direct the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages of Terrebonne Parish to note this acceptance thereof in the margin of the inscription of said contract under Entry No. 1579344 of the Records of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the resolution be forwarded to Delta Coast Consultants, LLC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the resolution be recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court of Terrebonne Parish to commence a 45-day clear lien period, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration is authorized to make payment of retainage upon the presentation of a Clear Lien Certificate.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 3rd day of February 2020.

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OFFERED BY: MRS. J. DOMAGUE
SECONDED BY: MR. S. TROSCLAIR

RESOLUTION NO. 20-059

A resolution ratifying the appointment of the firm of Delta Coast Consultants, LLC to provide professional services for the Pecan Street Drainage Improvement Project; and authorizing the execution of an agreement for these services.

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is improving the drainage in the Pecan Street area, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is desirous of appointing a firm to provide professional services for the project entitled Pecan Street Drainage Improvement Project, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Delta Coast Consultants, LLC has been selected by Terrebonne Parish President Gordon E. Dove to provide the professional services relative to said project, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council does hereby ratify the appointment of the firm of Delta Coast Consultants, LLC by Terrebonne Parish President Gordon E. Dove for professional services for the Pecan Street Drainage Improvement Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby authorize the execution of an agreement with the firm of Delta Coast Consultants, LLC by Terrebonne Parish President Gordon E. Dove.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: D. W. Guidry, Sr.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 3rd day of February 2020.

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OFFERED BY: MR. J. AMEDÉE
SECONDED BY: MR. G. MICHEL

RESOLUTION NO. 20-060
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE ARCHITECTURAL AGREEMENT FOR PARISH PROJECT NO. 17-GOVGEN-50, GOVERNMENT TOWER GENERATOR PROJECT, TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government did enter into an original architectural agreement with Marrero, Couvillon and Associates, LLC, dated December 11, 2017, recordation number 1548153, for the Government Tower Generator Project identified as Parish Project 17-GOVGEN-50, and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Agreement between OWNER and ENGINEER provides for certain limitations for Basic Services and specific Additional Services, and

WHEREAS, the Parish is desirous of constructing the Government Tower Generator Project, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish the weight bearing capacity and soil type of the area where the new generator’s slab is to be installed, and

WHEREAS, additional funding is needed to fund this task, and

WHEREAS, the TPCG is desirous of having these services continue so that there is a need for additional funds to be added to the contract for an increase in the upset limit for this service, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby approve this Amendment No. 1 to the Architectural Agreement for an increase of $4,290.00 in Additional Services authorizes Parish President Gordon E. Dove to execute this Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Agreement for the Government Tower Generator Project Parish Project No. 17-GOVGEN-50, with Marrero, Couvillon and Associates, LLC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Engineer, Marrero, Couvillon and Associates, LLC.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 3rd day of February 2020.

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Committee Member D. Babin explained, to the public for clarification purposes, that this is second to last levee to be built in Terrebonne Parish which will drain the largest reservoir in the parish, Lake Boudreaux. He stated that if the Morganza to the Gulf overtops, this levee is being constructed to safeguard East Houma from flooding.

OFFERED BY: MR. D. BABIN
SECONDED BY: MR. D. J. GUIDRY

RESOLUTION NO. 20-061

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO THE ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR PARISH PROJECT
NO. 10-CDBG-WTR-70, CEDAR GROVE TO ASHLAND LANDFILL LEVEE AND WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE (CDBG), TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into an Engineering Agreement dated February 16, 2011, with T. Baker Smith, LLC, for the Project entitled Parish Project No. 10-CDBG-WTR-70, Cedar Grove to Ashland Landfill Levee and Water Control Structure (CDBG) and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Agreement between OWNER and ENGINEER provides for certain limitations for Basic Services and specific Additional Services, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to re-apply for US Army Corps of Engineers permit, and

WHEREAS, this re-permitting will require additional services, and

WHEREAS, there is also a need to balance other Additional Services limits to provide for existing invoices, and

WHEREAS, the firm of T. Baker Smith, LLC, has been asked to perform these activities under the Additional Services section of the Engineering Agreement for this project, and

WHEREAS, the TPCG is desirous of having these services continued so that there is a need for additional funds to be added to the contract for an increase in the upset limit of $48,229.80, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby approve this Amendment No. 6 to the Engineering Agreement for an increase of $48,229.80 and authorizes Parish President, Gordon E. Dove, to execute this Amendment No. 6 to the Engineering Agreement for Parish Project No. 10-CDBG-WTR-70, Cedar Grove to Ashland Landfill Levee and Water Control Structure (CDBG), with T. Baker Smith, LLC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Engineer, T. Baker Smith, LLC.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: D. W. Guidry, Sr.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 3rd day of February 2020.

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Mr. D. W. Guidry, Sr. moved, seconded by Mr. D. J. Guidry, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Public Services Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. W. Guidry.
THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Carl Harding, Chairman
Mr. C. Harding moved, seconded by Mr. D. J. Guidry, “THAT the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 02/03/2020.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. Harding.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. G. Michel moved, seconded by Mr. D. Babin, “THAT the Council open nominations for three of the expired terms on the Terrebonne Parish Tree Board, nominate Ms. Monica Harris, Ms. Diane Theriot, and Mr. Jason Serrano, close nominations, reappoint Ms. Harris and Ms. Theriot to serve another term on the aforementioned board, appoint Mr. Serrano to serve a term on the aforementioned board, and hold nominations open for the one expired term on the aforementioned board.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. G. Michel.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. D. J. Guidry moved, seconded by Mr. D. Babin, “THAT the Council open nominations for the one expiring term on the Terrebonne Parish Library Board of Control, nominate Judge Jude Thaddeus Fanguy, close nominations, and reappoint Mr. Fanguy to serve another term on the aforementioned board.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. J. Guidry.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. G. Michel moved, seconded by Mr. D. J. Guidry, “THAT the Council open nominations for the one vacancy on the Recreation District No. 1 Board, nominate Mr. Terrence Barrow, Ms. Christine Parr-Vitter, Mr. Cody Bergeron, and Mr. Brandon Boudreaux, close nominations, and that a voice vote of the Council be taken to determine who will fill said Council appointment vacancy.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. G. Michel.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Voting to appoint Mr. Barrow
Voting to appoint Ms. Parr-Vitter
G. Michel
J. Amedée
J. Domangue
D. W. Guidry, Sr.
D. Babin
D. J. Guidry
S. Trosclair
J. Navy
C. Harding

Voting to appoint Mr. Bergeron

Voting to appoint Mr. Boudreaux

Minute Clerk K. Hampton tallied the results and they were recorded as follows: zero (0) votes for Mr. Barrow, nine (9) votes for Ms. Parr-Vitter, zero (0) votes for Mr. Bergeron, and zero (0) votes for Mr. Boudreaux.

The Chairman announced that, as per the above voice vote, Ms. Parr-Vitter was appointed to serve on the Recreation District No. 1 Board.

Mr. D. J. Guidry moved, seconded by Mr. J. Amedée, “THAT the Council open nominations for the one vacancy on the Houma-Terrebonne Airport Commission, nominate Mr. Jeff Teuton, close nominations, and appoint Mr. Teuton to serve on the aforementioned board.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. J. Guidry.
THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. G. Michel moved, seconded by Mr. J. Navy, “THAT the Council open nominations for the three expiring terms on the Recreation District No. 5 Board, nominate Mr. Travis Carrell, Mr. Bert Leboeuf, Ms. Sarina Lirette, Mr. Troy Domangue, and Mr. Alton Billiot, Jr., close nominations, and that a voice vote of the Council be taken to determine who will fill said Council appointment vacancies.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. G. Michel.
THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Voting to appoint Mr. Carrell
G. Michel
J. Amedée
D. Babin
D. J. Guidry

Voting to appoint Mr. Lebouef
G. Michel
D. Babin
D. J. Guidry
Voting to appoint Ms. Lirette
G. Michel
J. Amedée
J. Domangue
D. W. Guidry, Sr.
S. Trosclair
J. Navy
C. Harding

Voting to appoint Mr. Domangue
J. Amedée
J. Domangue
D. W. Guidry, Sr.
D. Babin
D. J. Guidry
S. Trosclair
J. Navy
C. Harding

Voting to appoint Mr. Billiot
J. Domangue
D. W. Guidry, Sr.
S. Trosclair
J. Navy
C. Harding

Minute Clerk K. Hampton tallied the results and they were recorded as follows: four (4) votes for Mr. Carrell, three (3) votes for Mr. Leboeuf, seven (7) votes for Ms. Lirette, eight (8) votes for Mr. Domangue, and five (5) votes for Mr. Billiot.

The Chairman announced that, as per the above voice vote, Ms. Lirette, Mr. Domangue, and Mr. Billiot were appointed to serve on the Recreation District No. 5 Board.

The Chairman announced that there would be one vacancy the Consolidated Waterworks District No. 1, Council District 3 due to a member moving out of the district.

Council Member D. W. Guidry, Sr. led a discussion regarding the upgrading of quality of the Council Meeting videos and possible live streaming. He shared that several complaints had been received regarding the video and audio quality control for Council Meeting proceedings and that several requests had been made that the Council provide live-streaming of its proceedings.

Upon Council Member D. W. Guidry, Sr.’s request, the Chairman recognized Mr. Brian Rodrigue, Network Administrator, who gave a brief overview of the quoted costs totaling $81,000 required to update the cameras to high-definition and associated infrastructure in the Council Meeting Room and to provide for the live-streaming of Council proceedings. He then stated that scheduling for installation may be difficult due to installers’ availability coinciding with Council Meetings.

Discussion ensued relative to other potential methods for improving the Parish’s coverage of Council proceedings including the hiring of a part-time production assistant or camera operator in order to reduce equipment costs while improving coverage quality.

Council Member J. Domangue led a discussion regarding a request for a legal opinion on revising the Recreation Ordinance to restructure Recreation District No. 11, to end the term of the current board, re-appoint an Advisory Board, and present the revisions to the Council for approval. She reviewed a letter that was recently delivered to Recreation District No. 11 from
Parish Administration which outlined a number of legal concerns and the district’s response to the letter thereafter.

Upon Council Member J. Domangue’s request, the Chairman recognized Ms. Kandace Mauldin, Chief Financial Officer, who stated that a financial analysis completed on Recreation District No. 11 projected that the district would be at a deficit of approximately $120,000 by the year 2023 if no additional revenues were received or distributed. She then clarified that, if the recreation district was unable to pay its debt, it would become Terrebonne Parish’s responsibility to pay off the debt incurred by the district.

Upon Council Member G. Michel’s request, Ms. Mauldin stated that a number of changes could potentially be made to improve the district’s financial status without the facilities for which they are primarily responsible being affected but did not have details available at that time without having completed further evaluations. She then recommended that the district creates a master plan annually to use as an aid for staying within the district’s budget.

Council Member G. Michel shared his opinion that the financial issues currently being experienced by the Recreation District were due to the prior Council’s approval of a bond issuance for the district and then apologized for his support of the measure at that time.

Upon Council Member D. Babin’s request, Ms. Mauldin clarified that the financial analysis included debt service payments along with operating costs.

Upon Council Member D. Babin’s request, Council Member J. Domangue clarified that she would be requesting information regarding the ability to appoint the Terrebonne Recreation Department to assume the district’s operations while under oversight regulations.

Council Member C. Harding shared some of his concerns regarding a potential dissolution of the current Recreation District No. 11 Board already under oversight regulations then shared his opinions regarding a number of issues with Recreation District No. 11 over the years and the discrepancies between the Recreation Districts. He then shared his support for finding solutions to address the issues being experienced by Recreation District No. 11 as a primary focus. He shared his concerns for potential management issues with the district and for the needs of the residents served by the district.

Upon Council Member D. W. Guidry’s request, Ms. Mauldin reported that Recreation District No. 11 has not strictly adhered to the oversight restrictions mandated by the Council and shared her experiences with questioning potential projects that are completed before they had been approved. She then reported that, to date, Recreation District No. 2,3 has been adhering to the oversight restrictions.

Upon the Chairman’s request, Mr. Julius Hebert, Parish Attorney, stated that, per the oversight ordinance, Parish Administration was designated to ensure compliance and would report back to the Council. He then gave a brief overview of the potential courses of action available to the Council and the Council’s control with regards to Recreation District Boards.

A discussion ensued relative to potential changes to the oversight ordinance with regards to detailing procedures for reporting issues and ensuring compliance of the ordinance and potential consequences should the recreation district not be compliant.

Council Member G. Michel clarified that the Bayou Country Sports Park is owned by Terrebonne Parish as an economic development project and that Recreation District No. 2,3 is under an agreement with Terrebonne Parish to construct facilities and operate the park. He then shared his support for addressing the financial issues being experienced by Recreation District No. 11 so that the district could continue providing facilities for the communities it serves.
Council Member J. Domangue shared her support for providing adequate facilities for the underserved children within Terrebonne Parish then shared her optimism for cooperation in addressing the recreation needs of all Terrebonne Parish residents.

Council Member C. Harding shared his concerns for the elderly and special needs residents of Terrebonne Parish who are also in need of adequate recreation facilities and suggested that greater care and investment into recreational facilities could provide greater benefits to Terrebonne Parish as a whole.

Council Member D. Babin shared his concerns for the financial futures of those Recreation Districts under oversight restrictions then suggested that actions be taken soon to address their financial issues and establish financial stability for those districts.

Council Member J. Navy clarified that both the bond debt and the operating costs should they continue without change were the cause for financial concern for Recreation District No. 11. He then shared a number of his concerns regarding the legal concerns presented by the Parish Administration on the recreation district and potential measures for reporting issues.

Council Member D. J. Guidry shared a concern for the Recreation District No. 11’s legal counsel and then shared some of his experiences and concerns with addressing issues with the district in past years.

Council Member D. Babin clarified that the financial concerns for Recreation District No. 11 were due to a number of factors and that the financial concern for Recreation District No. 2,3 was due to its millage not being renewed.

Council Member J. Domangue shared her support for the operations of Recreation District No. 11 being appointed to the Terrebonne Recreation Department and other measures to provide assistance so that the district could continue serving its local communities.

Council Member D. W. Guidry, Sr. shared his concerns for the recreation system in place and the requirements of volunteer appointees to manage funds and adhere to legal restrictions in order to provide recreational facilities to their communities. He then shared his opinion that an action to replace the Recreation District No. 11 board and appoint an advisory board until the financial issues had been addressed would be greatly beneficial for the district at this time and measures could be taken to ensure that those most knowledgeable about the needs of the district would be retained to help guide decisions for the district.

Council Member C. Harding commended the board members for acknowledging the issues presented in the aforementioned letter in a timely manner then reiterated his support for appropriate action being taken against any responsible for the legal concerns being experienced by Recreation District No. 11.

Council Member G. Michel suggested that the repeated violations of the oversight ordinance could be due to managerial issues then suggested establishing a procedure for informing recreation districts that are under oversight of a violation and the Council should repeated violations continue.

Council Member J. Amedée shared his appreciation for the reforms being put in place regarding recreation as measures to better guide recreation district board members in performing their duties as board members. He then encouraged board members to ask for assistance from the Parish should they have any questions. He then suggested that Recreation District No. 11 Board members could practice additional oversight with regards to their director or operations manager and legal counsel.

Council Member J. Navy shared his support for taking direct action to address the issues of Recreation District No. 11 and suggested that a restructuring of the district could alleviate many of the concerns being experienced.
Upon Council Member J. Navy’s request, Mr. Hebert stated that the Parish Attorney is the legal representative for the Parish and its appointed agencies and that the legal counsel hired by Recreation District No. 11 would be discussed for renewal at an upcoming district board meeting.

Council Member J. Navy then suggested that additional changes would be necessary to further refine and improve the oversight ordinances so that ongoing issues are addressed.

Council Member D. Babin shared his concern for the recurring issues with Recreation District No. 11 over the past years and suggested that the Council take steps to wholly address the issues of the district.

The Chairman recognized Reverend Vincent Fusilier, McKinley Street resident, who gave an overview of an electrical emergency that occurred while he served as the Recreation District No. 11 Board Chairman which required an expedited transfer of funds to address downed and sparking power lines. He then shared a number of his experiences while serving on the board and his adherence to following proper procedures with regards to purchasing matters.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Ronald Rainey, Sr., Recreation District No. 11 Chairman, who shared some of his concerns regarding potential misinformation and confusion then shared some of his experiences in pursuing projects while following purchasing procedures.

Mr. G. Michel moved, seconded by Mr. D. W. Guidry, Sr., “THAT Mr. Rainey’s time to speak be extended one minute.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. G. Michel.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. Rainey shared his concerns regarding some of the recreation district’s financial responsibilities regarding summer camps and other events then encouraged the Council and the public to attend their board meetings and become more informed.

Upon Council Member D. Babin’s request, the Chairman recognized Ms. Diana Collins, Recreation District No. 11 Board Member, who shared some of her experiences in serving on the board and managing the facilities provided by the district. She then shared her concerns for potential confusion and misinformation regarding the responsibilities and operations of the district as a whole.

Upon Council Member D. J. Guidry’s request, the Chairman recognized Mr. Roddy Lerille, Terrebonne Parish Recreation Director, who gave an overview of the funding provided by Terrebonne Parish to the Recreation Districts for the purpose of providing summer camps. The Chairman then recognized Ms. Kandace Mauldin who stated that reimbursement for the most recent summer camps had been held pending the district’s response to Administration’s legal concerns and would be forwarded with their response having been received. Mr. Lerille clarified that any costs beyond the reimbursement cap would be that district’s responsibility and then clarified that Recreation District No. 11 holds two summer camps, with one having a cost per household to participate and the other being free to participate.

Upon Council Member D. J. Guidry’s request, the Chairman recognized Mr. Anthony Rainey Sr., Recreation District No. 1 Board, who gave a brief overview of the summer camp budgeting and changes in reimbursed expenses over the past few years.
Council Member D. W. Guidry, Sr. thanked the Recreation District No. 11 Board Members in attendance then shared his concerns for the responsibilities held by recreation district board members and suggested that changes to the recreation system could allow for board members to focus more on providing facilities and recreation in their communities.

Ms. J. Domangue moved, seconded by Mr. D. W. Guidry, Sr., “THAT the Council requests a legal opinion regarding the Council’s authority to take over the governing of Recreation District No. 11, its authority to authorize Administration to take over the operations for said Recreation District, its authority to form an advisory board in place of a governing board for said Recreation District, and how to legally proceed.” (*SUBSTITUTE MOTION OFFERED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Council Member J. Navy suggested that Recreation District No. 2,3 should be included with the motion.

*M. J. Navy offered a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. C. Harding, “THAT the Council request a legal opinion regarding the Council’s authority to take over the governing of Recreation District No. 2, 3 and Recreation District No. 11, its authority to authorize Administration to take over the operations for said Recreation Districts, its authority to form an advisory board in place of a governing board for said Recreation Districts, and how to legally proceed.” (**SUBSTITUTE MOTION AMENDED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Council Member D. Babin shared his support for the inclusion of Recreation District No. 2,3 so that the legal opinion would include both Recreation Districts that are currently under Council oversight.

Council Member G. Michel shared his concerns that Recreation District No. 2,3 was not included with the agenda item and had no representation to address the Council’s concerns before the Council requested a legal opinion.

Upon Council Member D. J. Guidry’s request, Mr. Hebert suggested that the motion be amended to request a legal opinion regarding the Council’s ability to replace any Recreation District Board and ability to take over a Recreation District’s operations.

**Mr. J. Navy amended the substitute motion, seconded by Mr. C. Harding, “THAT the Council requests a legal opinion regarding the Council’s authority to take over the governing of any Recreation District, its authority to authorize Administration to take over the operations for a Recreation District, its authority to form an advisory board in place of a governing board for a Recreation District, and how to legally proceed.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Navy.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Council Member J. Domangue requested that Administration send a letter to the Recreation District No. 11 attorney and director and Recreation District No. 2,3 director informing them of their required adherence to the oversight regulations and that any items not in accordance with the oversight regulations would not be honored by the Parish.

Mr. Hebert stated that he would speak with the Parish President regarding such a letter then stated that he would begin attending Recreation District No. 11 meetings at the designation of the Parish President and that hours billed would be toward Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government with a potential to back-bill Recreation District No. 11 for the hours.
Council Member D. Babin stated that the Council received legal opinions in February 2018 from the Parish Attorney and from the Justice Department which outlined the Council’s authority to enact changes regarding Recreation District boards.

Upon Council Member G. Michel’s request, the Chairman recognized Mr. Julius Hebert, Parish Attorney, who gave an overview of the Parish President’s authority with regards to Parish employees then clarified that, per the Home Rule Charter, a Parish department head who has been ratified by the Council is not required to be ratified again by the Council on a year-to-year basis. He then stated that the Parish Attorney and Assistant Parish Attorneys, per the Home Rule Charter, are the only positions required to be ratified by the Council on a year-to-year basis.

Council Member G. Michel stated that the current Council had not ratified the appointment of department heads then stated that the two previous Parish Presidents who were re-elected to serve a second consecutive term had the Council re-approve their appointments for department heads at the beginning of their second term. He then shared some of his concerns regarding the Council’s ability or inability to pursue additional legal counsel.

Mr. Hebert stated that, per the Home Rule Charter, only the Parish President has authority to remove a department head once appointed and ratified then clarified that additional legal counsel could be considered for a matter if he as Parish Attorney determined that he had a conflict of interest with regards to the matter.

Council Member D. J. Guidry thanked the Leadership Terrebonne members for their attending the evening’s proceedings.

Council Member G. Michel encouraged the public to have their pets spayed or neutered in order to help control the pet population.

The Chairman encouraged the public to keep all active military, veteran, law enforcement, firefighters, and first responders in their thoughts and prayers daily.

Mr. J. Navy moved, seconded by Mr. D. W. Guidry, Sr., “THAT the Council accept the following monthly engineering reports:

A. Milford and Associates, Inc.
B. T. Baker Smith.
C. Providence Engineering and Design, LLC.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Navy.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. J. Navy moved, seconded by Mr. D. W. Guidry, Sr., “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Navy.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

KEITH M. HAMPTON, MINUTE CLERK
MINUTES OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION OF JANUARY 30, 2020

STEVE TROSCAIR, CHAIRMAN
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

VENITA H. CHAUVIN, COUNCIL CLERK
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL