The Chairman, Mr. C. Voisin, called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room. Following the Invocation, led by Councilman J. B. Breaux, Minute Clerk V. Whitney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call, Council Members recorded as present were: P. Rhodes, D. Henry, A. Tillman, R. Boudreaux, C. Duplantis, J. B. Breaux, H. Lapeyre, and C. Voisin. Councilman W. Thibodeaux was recorded as absent due to illness. A quorum was declared present.

Mr. R. Boudreaux moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council approve the minutes of the Regular Council Session held on 3/26/03.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. R. Boudreaux.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None

ABSTAINING:  W. Thibodeaux

ABSENT:  None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council approve the minutes of the Special ‘Emergency’ Council Session held on 4/2/03.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None

ABSTAINING:  None

ABSENT:  W. Thibodeaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. R. Boudreaux, “THAT, the Council approve the Parish Bill List dated 4/21/03.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS:  P. Rhodes, D. Henry, A. Tillman, R. Boudreaux, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, and C. Voisin
OFFERED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.
SECONDED: Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-183

WHEREAS, the Down South Steppers is a local non profit group which was formed several years ago to teach dancing skills to the young people in the Mechanicville area, and

WHEREAS, although the primary goal of the group is to coach young people on how to enhance their dancing skills, through the efforts of Mr. Calvin Banks, the program has developed into a motivational program which includes the promotion of self-respect, social skills and the importance of a formal education, and

WHEREAS, due to Mr. Banks’ initiatives, many young people have been offered an alternative to idle time on the streets and have been able to channel their talents and energy to a positive program that has greatly enriched their lives and have allowed them to grow into better adults, and

WHEREAS, due to much hard work, sacrifice and determination, the Down South Steppers have developed into an award winning dance group that has brought much joy to area fairs, festivals and parades, including the Zulu Parade in New Orleans, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council is inspired by the efforts of Mr. Banks and is proud of his accomplishments and of the gains made by all of the participants in the Down South Steppers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Parish President and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that MR. CALVIN BANKS and the members of the DOWN SOUTH STEPPERS be commended for their hard work, their dedication and for their inspiration to all citizens.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2003.

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The Chairman recognized Mr. Calvin Banks, Ms. Kristen Eschete and other members of the Down South Steppers Dance Team who were present, who thanked the Council and Parish President for the commendation and support in giving young children a positive outlook on life.

OFFERED BY: Mr. D. Henry.
SECONDED: Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-184
WHEREAS, the United Veterans League was formed in 1990 to provide a service to this community and to encourage honor and respect for the flag of the United States of America, and,

WHEREAS, the members of the organization are veterans of the various branches of the United States military and are true volunteers in service to this community and to this country, and,

WHEREAS, since the league was created, the members have performed at numerous flag raising ceremonies, have helped with military funerals, have assisted with military programs and functions at the various schools in the area, and have traveled throughout Terrebonne and neighboring parishes to assist with a host of military-related programs, and,

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council is proud of these veterans, not only for their contributions to their country, but also for their continued love and service to this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and Parish President Robert J. Bergeron, that the organizers and members of the United Veterans League of Terrebonne Parish be commended for their love and devotion to their country and for their continued special service to their community.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2003.

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The Chairman recognized Mr. Edward Evans, Senior Vice-Commander of the United Veterans League and several other representatives, who thanked the Council and Parish President for the commendation and recognition and expressed what an honor it gives them to provide these services to their community.

Mr. J. B. Breaux moved, seconded by Mr. R. Boudreaux and Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, it now being 6:30 p.m., the Council open public hearings.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

A. A proposed ordinance that will establish a temporary moratorium on new development in the area near Barrios and Lamar Subdivision
The Chairman recognized Mr. Blaine Vedros, brother of the property owner of a proposed development along Concord Road Extension, who read aloud a letter from his brother, Joe Vedros, expressing his concerns and opposition to the proposed moratorium being imposed because of drainage concerns in the area that will prohibit the development from proceeding.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes & Mr. J. B. Breaux, “THAT, the Council extend Mr. Blaine Vedros’ time an additional three minutes.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS:  P. Rhodes, D. Henry, A. Tillman, R. Boudreaux, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, and C. Voisin

NAYS:  None

ABSTAINING:  J. B. Breaux

ABSENT:  W. Thibodeaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. Blaine Vedros continued his presentation regarding his brother, Joe Vedros’ concerns regarding the implementation of a moratorium of development in the Lamar/Barrios Subdivisions area.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Julius Hebert, attorney representing Barrios Neighborhood Association, who stated that the area of Barrios/Lamar has been flooding for quite some and the proposed development is in a flood zone area. Mr. Hebert stated that he believes the ninety day moratorium is proper due to the fact that funding has recently been allocated to hire an engineer to determine the impact on the area regarding drainage. Mr. Hebert requested the Council to support the proposed ninety-day moratorium.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Kevin Bella, representing landowner Edward Wright in the Barrios/Lamar area, who expressed his concerns relative to the drainage problems needing to be addressed in the area and requested the Council’s support of the proposed moratorium. Mr. Bella suggested that maybe a compromise could be reached and possibly impose a shorter time period for the moratorium.

There were no further comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

Councilman H. Lapeyre expressed his concerns regarding the need to address the serious drainage problems in the Lamar/Barrios Subdivision area and stated that he feels the proposed moratorium is a reasonable request to allow sufficient time to have a professional analysis of the area and recommendations made to provide the proper infrastructure to protect the interests of the citizens in the area.

Upon questioning by Councilman H. Lapeyre, Parish Manager Al Levron stated that Administration is well aware of the drainage problems in the Lamar/Barrios Subdivisions area and some funds have been allocated to identify the problems and possible solutions. Mr. Levron stated that it is Administration’s belief that it would be prudent to follow the direction of the majority of the Council and to implement the program adopted to address this matter.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. H. Lapeyre.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON ANY DEVELOPMENT REQUIRING GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL THAT WILL CREATE ADDITIONAL RUN OFF OR ADDITIONAL SEWER LOADING NOT PREVIOUSLY INCORPORATED INTO PARISH FACILITIES IN THE AREA STARTING AT THE INTERSECTION OF BERNARD STREET, COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE & BAYOU BLACK DRIVE AND CONTINUING ON BAYOU BLACK DRIVE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH HOLLYGROVE AVENUE, THENCE IN SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG HOLLYGROVE AVENUE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH WILLARD AVENUE, THENCE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG WILLARD AVENUE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH COUGAR DRIVE, THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG COUGAR DRIVE TO ITS STRAIGHT-LINE INTERSECTION WITH CONCORD ROAD, THENCE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG CONCORD ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, THENCE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE TO ITS ENDING INTERSECTION WITH BERNARD STREET, AND BAYOU BLACK DRIVE, AND FURTHER IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT A; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is aware of and concerned about flooding, sewerage, and drainage problems in the area above described and further identified in Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government reasonably believes that further development in the area above described and further identified in Exhibit “A,” without assessing the sewerage and drainage systems in the described areas, will have a potentially substantial adverse impact on the systemic flooding, sewerage and drainage problems in the area in which they are located; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government reasonably believes that further development, without assessing the sewerage and drainage systems in the described areas, may have a potentially substantial adverse impact on future development and the development currently in existence in that area; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government reasonably believes that further development, without assessing the sewerage and drainage systems in the above described areas, will have a potentially detrimental impact on the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Terrebonne Parish;

WHEREAS, the Council of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government further recognizes that it has an obligation to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Terrebonne Parish;

WHEREAS, the Council of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government further believes that its police power allows it to impose reasonable regulations in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Terrebonne Parish;

WHEREAS, cognizant of its duty to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Terrebonne Parish and, in an effort to relieve the flooding problems for the local residents and property owners, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government previously retained the services of GSE Associates, Inc. to conduct a thorough evaluation of the drainage in the area above described and further identified in Exhibit “A”; and
WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council is greatly concerned that the increased flooding poses a substantial threat to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens in the defined area and finds it imperative to adopt an interim development control on certain land in the defined area so that a comprehensive solution and plan can be investigated and possibly adopted to safeguard the welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government further believes that with the benefit of a comprehensive study it can reasonably address problems at a systemic, watershed level so as to provide ample further development sewerage and drainage systems while at the same time ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Terrebonne Parish; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government as follows:

SECTION 1:The Council of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government hereby imposes a ninety (90) day moratorium on any development requiring governmental approval that will create additional run off or additional sewer loading not previously incorporated into parish facilities from the date of the passage of this ordinance in the area starting at the intersection of Bernard Street, Country Club Drive and Bayou Black Drive and continuing on Bayou Black Drive in a westerly direction to its intersection with Hollygrove Avenue, thence in southerly direction along Hollygrove Avenue to its intersection with Willard avenue, thence in a westerly direction along Willard Avenue to its intersection with Cougar Drive, thence in a southerly direction along Cougar Drive to its straight-line intersection with Concord Road, thence in an easterly direction along concord road to its intersection with Country Club Drive, thence in a northerly direction along Country Club Drive to its ending intersection with Bernard Street, and Bayou Black Drive, and further identified in Exhibit “A”.

SECTION 2: Any and all development requiring governmental approval that was previously approved prior to the effective date of this ordinance, provided all requirements associated therewith are adhered to by the applicant, permittee and/or licensee, shall remain valid.

SECTION 3: The Council of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, strictly for purposes of this ordinance, hereby defines “development” as follows:

“Subdivision development, R-2 and/or R-3 multi-family residential construction, commercial construction and/or industrial construction.”

SECTION 4: The above prohibitions are to be temporary in duration and shall expire ninety (90) days after the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION 5: All other portions of the Terrebonne Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain the same.

SECTION 6: If any provision or item of this ordinance, or the application thereof, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect apart from and/or without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions, items or applications, or this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION 7: This ordinance shall have application to all persons.

SECTION 8: This ordinance shall become effective upon signing of the Parish President or, if not signed by the Parish President, in accordance with Sections 2-12 and 2-13 of the Terrebonne Parish Home Rule Charter.

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:

THERE WAS RECORDED:

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2003.

The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

B. A proposed ordinance that will dedicate and accept the maintenance/operation of the streets, servitudes, utilities, gas, sewer, and rights-of-way for “Sugarwood Estates, Addendum No. 1, Phase B” and to incorporate “Sugar Highland Boulevard” and “Brighton Loop” into the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System. (continued from previous meetings)

There were no comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. D. Henry, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. H. Lapeyre.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.
SECONDED BY: Mr. D. Henry.

ORDINANCE NO. 6751

AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING AND ACCEPTING THE MAINTENANCE/OPERATION OF THE STREETS, SERVITUDES, UTILITIES, GAS, SEWER, RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR “SUGARWOOD ESTATES ADDENDUM NO. 1, PHASE B”; TO INCORPORATE “SUGAR HIGHLAND BOULEVARD”, AND “BRIGHTON LOOP” INTO THE ENHANCED 911 EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A BETTER MEANS OF LOCATING ADDRESSES; AND TO SET FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE STREET NAME(S), TO INFORM THE PROPER AGENCIES OF THE STREET NAME(S), AND TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF THE APPROPRIATE STREET SIGN(S), AND TO ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, dedicates and accepts the maintenance/operation of the streets, servitudes, utilities, gas, sewer and rights-of-way as depicted on a plat, prepared July 28, 1999 by T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc. titled “SUGARWOOD ESTATES ADDENDUM NO. 1, PHASE B”, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof;
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, effective on the 21st day of May, 2003, that “SUGAR HIGHLAND BOULEVARD” and “BRIGHTON LOOP” be incorporated into the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a copy of this ordinance be submitted to the Terrebonne Parish Communications Board, local U.S. Postal Services, fire districts, Acadian Ambulance, Terrebonne Parish Sheriff’s Office, and any other appropriate agency; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Parish Forces be directed to install the proper street sign on the appropriate street, and that any other actions relative thereto be addressed.

SECTION II
If any word, clause, phrase, section or other portion of this ordinance shall be declared null, void, invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the remaining words, clauses, phrases, sections and other portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, the provisions of this ordinance hereby being declared to be severable.

SECTION III
This ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the Parish President or as otherwise provided in Section 2-13(b) of the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government for Terrebonne Parish, whichever occurs sooner.

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  W. Thibodeaux.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2003.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

C. A proposed ordinance that would declare certain items from Parks and Grounds and the Houma Police Department as surplus and provide for the disposal of same

There were no comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None

ABSTAINING:  None

ABSENT:  W. Thibodeaux and R. Boudreaux
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. D. Henry.
SECONDED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre and Ms. C. Duplantis.

ORDINANCE NO. 6752

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE CERTAIN ITEMS FROM PARKS AND GROUNDS AND THE HOUM APOLICE DEPARTMENT AS SURPLUS, AS DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”, AND AUTHORIZING SAID ITEMS TO BE DISPOSED OF BY PUBLIC BID, NEGOTIATED SALE, JUNKED OR BY ANY OTHER LEGALLY APPROVED METHOD.

SECTION I

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby declare the attached Exhibit “A” surplus and authorizes the Parish President to dispose of said items by public bid, negotiated sale, junked or by any other legally approved method.

SECTION II

If any word, clause, phrase, section or other portion of this ordinance shall be declared null, void, invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the remaining words, clauses, phrases, sections and other portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, the provisions of this ordinance hereby being declared to be severable.

SECTION III

This ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the Parish President or as otherwise provided in Section 2-13(b) of the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government for Terrebonne Parish, whichever occurs sooner.

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux and R. Boudreaux, Jr.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2003.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

D. A proposed ordinance which would establish a “3-Way Stop” intersection at the corners of Hemphill Drive and Denning Drive, and Hemphill Drive and Marshall Drive

There were no comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. D. Henry, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. H. Lapeyre.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None

ABSTAINING:  None

ABSENT:  W. Thibodeaux and R. Boudreaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. H. Lapeyre.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. D. Henry.

ORDINANCE NO. 6753

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARISH CODE OF TERREBONNE PARISH, CHAPTER 18, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, DIVISION 3. CITY, SECTION 18-120(d): TO ESTABLISH “3-WAY STOPS” AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF HEMPHILL DRIVE AND DENNING DRIVE, AND OF HEMPHILL DRIVE AND MARSHALL DRIVE; TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF THE REQUIRED SIGNS; AND TO ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, in regular session convened, acting pursuant to the authority invested in it by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government for Terrebonne Parish, and including, but not limited to, LSA R.S. 33:1368 and other statutes of the State of Louisiana, to amend the Parish Code of Terrebonne Parish, Chapter 18. Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Division 3. City, Section 18-120(d): To establish “3 Way Stops” at the intersections of Hemphill Drive and Denning Drive, and Hemphill Drive and Marshall Drive, as follows:

CHAPTER 18. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC
DIVISION 3. CITY
SECTION 18-120(d): 3 WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS

The intersections of Hemphill Drive and Denning Drive, and Hemphill Drive and Marshall Drive shall hereby be established as “3 Way Stop” intersections, and the appropriate “3 Way Stop” signs shall be erected and maintained at said intersections. Any vehicle traveling at the aforementioned locations shall respect and adhere to the signs as posted.

SECTION II

If any word, clause, phrase, section or other portion of this ordinance shall be declared null, void, invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the remaining words, clauses, phrases, sections or other portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, the provisions of this section hereby being declared to be severable.

SECTION III

Any ordinance or part thereof in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

SECTION IV

This ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the Parish President or as otherwise provided in Section 2-13 (b) of the Home Rule Charter for Consolidated Government for Terrebonne Parish, whichever occurs sooner.
This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux and R. Boudreaux, Jr.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2003.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

E. A proposed ordinance which would provide for the removal of the “No Parking” zone along the entire left (west) side of Williams Avenue

There were no comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

Mr. J. B. Breaux moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux and R. Boudreaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. J.B. Breaux.
SECONDED BY: Ms. C. Duplantis.

ORDINANCE NO. 6754

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PARISH CODE OF TERREBONNE PARISH BY REVISING CHAPTER 18: MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE V: STOPPING, STANDING & PARKING, DIVISION 3, CITY, SECTION 18-247. NO PARKING AT ANY TIME IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE “NO PARKING” SIGNS ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF WILLIAMS AVENUE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF SAID SIGNS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

SECTION 1

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, in regular session convened and on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Parish Code of Terrebonne Parish be amended by revising Chapter 18: Motor Vehicles and Traffic: Article V: Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 3: City, Section 18-247: No Parking At Any Time, in order to remove the verbiage which refers to the west side of Williams Avenue, as follows:
CHAPTER 18: MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

ARTICLE V: STOPPING, STANDING & PARKING

DIVISION 3: CITY

SECTION 18-247: NO PARKING AT ANY TIME

The “No Parking” zones previously designated along the west side of Williams Avenue are hereby rescinded, and all “No Parking” signs shall be removed accordingly from said roadway.

SECTION II

If any word, clause, phrase, section or other portion of this ordinance shall be declared null, void, invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the remaining words, clauses, phrases, sections and other portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, the provisions of this ordinance hereby being declared to be severable.

SECTION III

This ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the Parish President or as otherwise provided in Section 2-13(b) of the Home Rule Charter for Consolidated Government for Terrebonne Parish, whichever occurs sooner.

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux and R. Boudreaux, Jr.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2003.

The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

F. A proposed ordinance that would create a “No Parking” zone in the circle at the end of Crozier Drive.

There were no comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. J. B. Breaux and Mr. D. Henry, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. A. Tillman.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux and R. Boudreaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.
SECONDED BY: Mr. D. Henry.

ORDINANCE NO. 6755

An ordinance amending the Parish Code of Terrebonne Parish, Chapter 18, Section 18-223 to create a “No Parking” zone ALONG THE CIRCLE AT THE END OF CROZIER DRIVE.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Terrebonne Parish Council, in regular session convened, acting pursuant to the authority invested in it by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government for Terrebonne Parish, and including, but not limited to, LSA R.S. 33:1368 and other statutes of the State of Louisiana, hereby amends the Parish Code of Terrebonne Parish, Chapter 18, Section 18-223 to create a “No Parking” zone along the circle at the end of Crozier Drive and that the curbing be painted yellow at said location.

SECTION II

If any word, clause, phrase, section or other portion of this ordinance shall be declared null, void, invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the remaining words, clauses, phrases, sections and other portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, the provisions of this ordinance hereby being declared to be severable.

SECTION III

Any ordinance or part thereof in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

SECTION IV

This ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the Parish President or as otherwise provided in Section 2-13(b) of the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government for Terrebonne Parish, whichever occurs sooner.

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux and R. Boudreaux, Jr.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2003.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

G. A proposed ordinance which would establish a “3-Way Stop” at the intersection of Tina and Henry Clay Drive in Sunrise Gardens Subdivision.
There were no comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. D. Henry and Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None

ABSTAINING:  None

ABSENT:  W. Thibodeaux and R. Boudreaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. D. Henry.
SECONDED BY:  Ms. C. Duplantis.

ORDINANCE NO. 6756

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARISH CODE OF TERREBONNE PARISH, CHAPTER 18, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, DIVISION 2. PARISH, SECTION 18-88: TO ESTABLISH A “3-WAY STOP” AT THE INTERSECTION OF TINA STREET AND HENRY CLAY DRIVE; TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF THE REQUIRED SIGNS; AND TO ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, in regular session convened, acting pursuant to the authority invested in it by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government for Terrebonne Parish, and including, but not limited to, LSA R.S. 33:1368 and other statutes of the State of Louisiana, to amend the parish Codes of Terrebonne Parish, Chapter 18. Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Division 2. Parish, Section 18-88: To establish a “3 Way Stop” at the intersection of Tina Street and Henry Clay Drive, as follows:

CHAPTER 18.  MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC
DIVISION 2.  PARISH
SECTION 18-88:. 3 WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS

The intersection of Tina Street and Henry Clay Drive shall hereby be established as a “3 Way Stop” and the appropriate “3 Way Stop” signs shall be erected and maintained at said intersection. Any vehicle traveling at the afore-mentioned location shall respect and adhere to the signs as posted.

SECTION II

If any word, clause, phrase, section or other portion of this ordinance shall be declared null, void, invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the remaining words, clauses, phrases, sections or other portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, the provisions of this section hereby being declared to be severable.

SECTION III

Any ordinance or part thereof in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

SECTION IV
This ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the Parish President or as otherwise provided in Section 2-13 (b) of the Home Rule Charter for Consolidated Government for Terrebonne Parish, whichever occurs sooner.

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:

**THERE WAS RECORDED:**

**YEAS:** P. Rhodes, D. Henry, A. Tillman, C. Duplantis, J.B. Breaux, H. Lapeyre and C. Voisin.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINING:** None.

**ABSENT:** W. Thibodeaux and R. Boudreaux, Jr.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2003.

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Mr. J. B. Breaux moved, seconded by Mr. D. Henry, “THAT, the Council continue with the regular order of business.”

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

**UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:**

**YEAS:** P. Rhodes, D. Henry, A. Tillman, C. Duplantis, J. B. Breaux, H. Lapeyre, and C. Voisin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINING:** None

**ABSENT:** W. Thibodeaux and R. Boudreaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

**OFFERED BY:** Mr. H. Lapeyre.

**SECONDED:** Unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 03- 185**

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council has learned that Mr. Elray McElroy has announced his retirement as of March 27, 2003, after twenty seven years of service to the City of Houma and the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, and

WHEREAS, Mr. McElroy began his employment with the City of Houma on February 7, 1975 in the City Warehouse under the supervision of Mr. John English, and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at the warehouse, Mr. McElroy received five promotions and was recognized for his dependability and loyalty to his supervisors, and

WHEREAS, after being transferred to another division, Mr. McElroy continued to receive accolades for his hard work and had many letters of appreciation in his personnel file, and

WHEREAS, after much consideration and soul searching, Mr. McElroy has decided to begin his retirement and leave his employment with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Parish President and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that MR. ELRAY McELROY be commended for his outstanding service to the Parish Government and that he be wished the best in his well-deserved retirement.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux and R. Boudreaux, Jr.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2003.

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Mr. Elray McElroy was not present so Administration will handle mailing him his commendation.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Carol Castagnos, downtown resident, who expressed her concerns relative the extreme amount of noise that she has to deal with when there are events in the downtown area. Ms. Castagnos explained her medical condition and explained how she finds the noise unbearable. Ms. Castagnos commended the Parish Administration in building the Houma Police Department to a higher degree of professionalism and thanked them for their courtesy when she called them.

Mr. R. Boudreaux moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, Mr. P. Rhodes, and Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council extend Ms. Carol Castagnos’ time an additional three minutes.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. R. Boudreaux.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. Carol Castagnos continued her presentation regarding her complaints about the loud noise affecting her health caused by events held in downtown Houma.

Mr. R. Boudreaux moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Council extend Ms. Carol Castagnos’ time an additional one minute.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. R. Boudreaux.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. Carol Castagnos continued her plea to address the noise problem she is experiencing at her home caused by events held in downtown Houma.

Mr. J. B. Breaux moved, seconded Unanimously, “THAT, the Council refer the matter of noise in the downtown Houma area upsetting residents in the area to the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee to review the current noise decibel level and curfew for events.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None

ABSTAINING:  None

ABSENT:  W. Thibodeaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Jerome Zeringue, Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District Director, who formally presented the Council and Administration with the proposed 2003-2004 Budget of the District, for evaluation.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. R. Boudreaux, “THAT, the Council formally accept the proposed 2003-2004 Budget for the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District, as presented by Director Jerome Zeringue, and that said matter be referred to the Budget & Finance Committee for further evaluation.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None

ABSTAINING:  None

ABSENT:  W. Thibodeaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Mike Voisin, Chairman of TGMC Board of Commissioners, who introduced the newly-appointed CEO of TGMC, Ms. Phyllis Peoples.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Phyllis Peoples, new CEO of TGMC, who stated she has been employed at TGMC for nine years and grown up in the community even longer. She stated that her appreciation for this community is very deep and her loyalty extreme. She thanked the Council for their dedication to providing premium health care to this community.

Council Members and the Parish President welcomed Ms. Phyllis Peoples aboard as the newly appointed CEO of TGMC.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Wayne Machado, Mosquito Control, Inc., who explained that just prior to Easter, Terrebonne Parish experienced spring rains, which in effect hatched off
a significant amount of mosquitoes, especially in the southern reaches of the Parish. Mr. Machado stated that extra equipment and personnel was brought in to get on top of the situation. Mr. Machado stated that once things were beginning to level out, LSU Veterinarian Diagnostic Laboratory notified them that one of the mosquitoes samples sent in was positive for West Nile Virus in the Montegut Point Farm area. He stated that Administration was immediately notified and a written plan of action was submitted to get the problem under control and explained what steps were taken to do so. Mr. Machado stated that the efforts being made are successful and he feels that unless the counts come up again he will consider the problem closed and move onto routine mosquito abatement.

Upon questioning by Councilman D. Henry, Mr. Wayne Machado stated that the State Health Department is collecting dead birds and are only testing certain species, but even though only the State is testing, Mosquito Control is very interested in any bird that has died in the to develop a pattern.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council extend Mr. Wayne Machado’s time to allow him to continue his update on West Nile reported in Terrebonne Parish.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Rhodes, D. Henry, A. Tillman, R. Boudreaux, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, and C. Voisin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux and J. B. Breaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

In response to a question by Councilman D. Henry, Mr. Wayne Machado stated that he could get his personnel to pick up the dead bird in Montegut, if it hasn’t been dead for too long. Mr. Machado encouraged Terrebonne Parish residents to look around their homes and yards to empty containers that hold standing water, and if the container cannot be gotten rid of, to flush it out once a week (such as a bird bath or pet’s bowl). He also suggested that long sleeves be worn after dark, repellant be used, and screens be fixed.

Council Members commended Administration for taking the initiative to appropriate funds to perform mosquito spraying in Terrebonne Parish. They also commended Mosquito Control for keeping on top of the West Nile threat and addressing concerns in a timely fashion.

Parish President R. Bergeron stated that if constituents call about a dead bird, the Animal Shelter can pick it up to bring it to the State Board of Health. Mr. Bergeron commended Mr. Wayne Machado and his staff for their quick response to any calls they have received regarding potential West Nile infected birds in Terrebonne Parish.

The Chairman called for Ms. Glades Crochet, who had filled out a speaker card to address the Council relative to a business operated in a residential area, but was informed by Councilman J. B. Breaux that she has been given an update on the situation and decided not address the Council at this time.

At this time, Chairman C. Voisin read aloud a memo from Council Wayne Thibodeaux explaining his absence from tonight’s meeting due to illness and apologized for not reading earlier in the proceedings.

The Chairman called for a report on the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on 4/21/03, whereupon the Committee Vice-Chairman rendered the following:

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
APRIL 21, 2003

The Vice Chairman, J. B. Breaux, called the Budget & Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by C. Duplantis and the Pledge of Allegiance led by R. Boudreaux. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: R. Boudreaux, J. B. Breaux, C. Duplantis, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin. Committee Members D. Henry and H. Lapeyre were recorded as absent. A quorum was declared present.

The Chairman announced that Committee Member D. Henry was unable to attend this evening’s meeting due to a family obligation and Committee Member H. Lapeyre could not attend due to a business commitment.

OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED: Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-186

WHEREAS, prices were obtained through the Louisiana State Commodity Catalog by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the purpose of purchasing 3000 (Three Thousand) new/unused 2.5 Pound 1-A:10-B:C Fire Extinguishers with Non-Corrosive Nylon Valves (Kidde SL2.5MP) for the Houma Fire Department under State Contract #405312, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by Daniel Scott, Inspector and Brian Hebert, Fire Chief, it has been determined that the total price of Twenty-seven Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty Dollars ($27,420.00) from Sea Safety & Survival for the purchase of 3000 (Three Thousand) new/unused 2.5 Pound 1-A:10-B:C Fire Extinguishers with Non-Corrosive Nylon Valves (Kidde SL2.5MP) should be accepted as per the State Contract Commodity Catalog and under the provisions set forth in the Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 39:1710, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are budgeted and available in the 2003 Account Number 204-222-8349-05 for the purchase of the aforementioned fire extinguishers, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the aforementioned fire extinguishers purchase at a total cost of Twenty-seven Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty Dollars ($27,420.00), as per the attached State Purchasing Contract Catalog.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish Administration be approved and that the purchase of the fire extinguishers be accepted as per the attached forms.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  D. Henry and H. Lapeyre.

The Vice Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 21ST day of April, 2003.

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OFFERED BY:   Mr. R. Boudreaux, Jr.
SECONDED BY: Ms. C. Duplantis.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-187
WHEREAS, the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire is a required part of a financial audit of Louisiana governmental units, and

WHEREAS, upon completion, the questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the governing body by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting, and

WHEREAS, the completed questionnaire and a copy of the adoption instrument must be given to the auditor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Fiscal Year 2002 as presented by the Parish Administration be hereby accepted and approved and that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the firm of Bourgeois, Bennett, L.L.C.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  D. Henry and H. Lapeyre.

The Vice Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 21ST day of April, 2003.

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OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.
SECONDED BY: Mr. W. Thibodeaux.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-188

WHEREAS, prices were obtained by Public Safety Services, Office of State Police for the purpose of purchasing Eyewitness in Car Video Camera Systems under the sole source provisions set forth in LRS 39:1597, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by Pat Boudreaux, Chief of Houma Police Department, it has been determined that the total price of Twenty-eight Thousand, Two Hundred Three Dollars ($28,203.00) from Kustom Signals, Inc. for the sole source purchase of seven (7) Eyewitness Industrial Grade In-Car Video Systems should be accepted per the attached documents, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are budgeted and available in the 2003 Account Number 206-211-8915-01 for the purchase of the aforementioned video systems, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the aforementioned video systems purchase at a total cost of Twenty-eight Thousand, Two Hundred Three Dollars ($28,203.00) for seven (7) Eyewitness Industrial Grade In-Car Video Systems as per the attached documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish Administration be approved and that the sole source purchase of the video systems be accepted as per the attached forms.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: D. Henry and H. Lapeyre.

The Vice Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 21\textsuperscript{ST} day of April, 2003.

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Upon questioning, Purchasing Manager Angela Guidry explained that the aforementioned surveillance equipment is similar to the system used by the LA State Troopers, and will be used to video tape DWI offenses, traffic violations, etc. Mrs. Guidry stated that funding for the equipment will be derived from grants and the Parish Government will pay 10\% of the cost for said equipment. Upon additional questioning, Mrs. Guidry continued that after activation, the tapes cannot be rewound or erased.

Upon additional questioning, Parish Manager Al Levron stated that the Chief of Police is currently working on the implementation plan for the surveillance equipment, and noted that all of the “bugs” have not been worked out.

OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED: Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-189

WHEREAS, prices were obtained through the Louisiana State Commodity Catalog by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the purpose of purchasing 8000 (eight thousand) each battery-operated smoke alarms with required batteries (Kidde 0915E) for the Houma Fire Department under State Contract #405312, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by Daniel Scott, Inspector and Brian Hebert, Fire Chief, it has been determined that the total price of Twenty-seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars ($27,920.00) from WW Grainger, Inc. for the purchase of 8000 (eight thousand) each battery-operated smoke alarms with required batteries (Kidde 0915E) should be accepted as per the State Purchasing Contract Catalog, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are budgeted and available in the 2003 Account Number 204-222-8349-05 for the purchase of the aforementioned smoke alarms, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the aforementioned smoke alarms purchase at a total cost of Twenty-seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars ($27,920.00) for 8000 (eight thousand) each battery-operated smoke alarms with required batteries as per the attached State Purchasing Contract Catalog.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish Administration be approved and that the purchase of the smoke alarms be accepted as per the attached forms.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: D. Henry and H. Lapeyre.

The Vice Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 21\textsuperscript{ST} day of April, 2003.
OFFERED BY: Mr. R. Boudreaux, Jr.
SECONDED BY: Ms. C. Duplantis.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-190

WHEREAS, prices were obtained through the Louisiana State Commodity Catalog by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the purpose of purchasing two (2) new ½ ton, regular cab 2WD pickup trucks (2003 Ford F-150 XL, Model #F17/502A) for the Terrebonne Parish Animal Shelter under State Contract #405214, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by Parish Administration it has been determined that the total price of Twenty-six Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-six Dollars ($26,186.00) from Terrebonne Motor Co. for the purchase of two (2) new ½ ton, regular cab 2WD pickup trucks (2003 Ford F-150 XL, Model #F17/502A) should be accepted as per the State Contract Vehicle Catalog and under provisions set forth in the Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 39:1710, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are budgeted and available in the 2003 Account number 253-442-8915-04 for the purchase of the aforementioned vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the aforementioned vehicle purchases at a total cost of Twenty-six Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-six Dollars ($26,186.00), as per the attached State Purchasing Contract Catalog.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish Administration be approved and that the purchase of the vehicles be accepted as per the attached forms.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: D. Henry and H. Lapeyre.

The Vice Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 21ST day of April, 2003.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.
SECONDED BY: Ms. C. Duplantis.
RESOLUTION NO. 03-191

WHEREAS, prices were obtained through the Louisiana State Commodity Catalog by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the purpose of purchasing fourteen (14) new Times-2 brand name filing systems for the Registrar of Voters Department under State Contract #405028, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by Linda Rodrigue, Registrar of Voters, it has been determined that the total price of Sixteen Thousand, Five Hundred Eight-nine Dollars and Sixteen Cents ($16,589.16) from Richard Wilcox, Inc. for the purchase of fourteen (14) new Times-2 brand name filing systems should be accepted as per the state Contract Catalog, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are budgeted and available in the 2003 Account number 151-141-8915-02 for the purchase of the aforementioned filing system, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the aforementioned filing system purchase at a total cost of Sixteen Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-nine Dollars and Sixteen Cents ($16,589.16) for fourteen (14) new Times-2 brand name filing systems, as per the attached State Purchasing Contract Catalog.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish Administration be approved and that the purchase of these filing systems be accepted as per the attached forms.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: D. Henry and H. Lapeyre.

The Vice Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 21ST day of April, 2003.

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Parish President Robert Bergeron presented an overview of the First Quarter 2003 Financial Status of the Parish. Mr. Bergeron highlighted the Parish’s major revenue sources that include sales tax, State mineral royalties, ad valorem taxes, and video poker proceeds. He noted that the Parish’s revenue collection has exceeded the 2003 Budget predictions by 13%, and added that Administration will exercise caution in expenditures due to the overall state of the nation’s economy in addition to those fund accounts that are being supplemented by the General Fund. Upon questioning, Mr. Bergeron explained that the amount of funding used for wastewater cleanup, has some “hurdles” to jump to get to a certain level, and noted that there is some funding available for the cleanup.

Upon questioning, Comptroller Jamie Elfert stated those taxes collected in protest are being held and cannot be touched or recognized as revenue. Mrs. Elfert continued that once the case is settled, the money will either be released back to the taxpayer or it will become revenue for the Parish Government.

Upon questioning, Mr. Bergeron interjected that the Parish Government is required by ordinance to collect $200,000.00 per year to contribute to the Dedicated Emergency Contingency Fund, and noted that because of hurricane related expenditures last year, the account is low and should be replenished.

Discussion ensued relative to replenishing the Dedicated Emergency Contingency Fund and providing funding for wastewater cleanup.
Mrs. Elfert explained that the Dedicated Emergency Contingency Funding was used as the local match for projects. She noted that any funding used for the aforementioned expenditures would be placed back into the fund from which the expenditures originated. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Upon questioning, Comptroller Jamie Elfert stated that it is Administration’s understanding that the call of the election calls for an increase in the millage for Recreation District No. 8, and noted that Administration has not been contacted relative to the change.

Committee Member W. Thibodeaux noted that the preamble for the proposed millage needed to be corrected.

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. R. Boudreaux, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee retain in committee the matter relative to the call of a special election for a millage tax proposition for Recreation District No. 8.”

The Vice Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. W. Thibodeaux.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: D. Henry and H. Lapeyre.

The Vice Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Ronnie Thomas of Fred LeBouef Subdivision, who inquired about any remaining funding available for “buyouts” of homes in the aforementioned subdivision.

Parish Manager Al Levron stated that he is unaware of any remaining funding, and noted that the matter should be referred to the Planning & Zoning Department.

Committee Member W. Thibodeaux reminded the committee of the Parish’s dedication of $200,000.00 to $300,000.00 for a matching subsidiary for the “buyout” of properties in Fred LeBouef Subdivision. Mr. Thibodeaux requested that Administration inform Mr. Thomas of any remaining funding.

Mr. Levron stated that, if in fact funding is available, Administration will keep the original scenario, but noted that if the local share goes above the allocated funding, there may be a problem.

Mr. Thomas interjected that he is willing to negotiate with Administration in order to remedy the situation and to help an adjacent property owner.

Mr. R. Boudreaux moved, seconded unanimously, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Budget & Finance Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

The Vice Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. R. Boudreaux.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
The Vice Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

J. B. Breaux, Vice Chairman

Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Mr. J. B. Breaux moved, seconded by Mr. R. Boudreaux and Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on 4/21/03.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT:  W. Thibodeaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

At this time, Chairman C. Voisin relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman C. Duplantis.

The Vice-Chair called for a report on the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting held on 4/21/03, whereupon the Committee Chairman rendered the following:

POLICY, PROCEDURE, & LEGAL COMMITTEE

APRIL 21, 2003

The Chairman, Ray B. Boudreaux, Jr., called the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting to order at 6:24 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by C. Duplantis and the Pledge of Allegiance led by C. Voisin. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: R. Boudreaux, J. B. Breaux, C. Duplantis, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin. Committee Members D. Henry and H. Lapeyre were recorded as absent. A quorum was declared present.

The Chairman announced that Committee Member D. Henry was unable to attend this evening’s meeting due to a family obligation, and Committee Member H. Lapeyre could not attend due to a business commitment.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. J. B. Breaux, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee introduce an ordinance to accept the Houma Fire Department’s existing Base Wage Scale and include the same into the Waters Consulting Group’s Salary and Compensation Plan, and call a public hearing on said matter on May 14, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.” (**MOTION WITHDRAWN AFTER DISCUSSION)

Committee Member J. B. Breaux requested clarification as to the intent of the aforementioned proposed ordinance because the preamble states that the salary pay scale would be revamped; however, the resolution indicates that the existing salary pay scale would be adopted.

Upon questioning, Houma Fire Chief Brian Hebert requested that the Council consider adopting a salary pay scale which would include a minimum, median, and maximum salary scale for the Houma Fire Department. Mr. Hebert continued that by doing so, the Houma Fire Department would re-implement the 2% longevity pay for fire personnel that have been
employed for several years and implement a sliding pay scale. He stated that the existing pay scale includes a 2% increase in the base salary; but does not affect salary for existing employees; and, noted that a newly-promoted employee can receive the same amount of pay as someone who has been employed for several years.

Committee Member W. Thibodeaux requested that the aforementioned proposal define the increments of the salary increases.

Committee Member C. Voisin withdrew the motion and the second was rescinded.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. J. B. Breaux, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee retain the matter relative to the Houma Fire Department’s existing Base Wage Scale in committee for further review.” (MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Upon questioning, Mr. Hebert stated that prior to the implementation of the R. W. Beck Salary and Wage Study, the 2% longevity pay was not included in the base scale; however, after the implementation of the study, the 2% increase was added into the base salary.

Parish Manager Al Levron stated that Administration decided, years ago, to use the 2% longevity pay as a cost of living raise, which entails increasing the entire base salary pay scale. Mr. Levron stated that, at that time, the decision did not take into consideration that the Parish’s salary pay scale included merit increases in addition to longevity pay.

**The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. Voisin.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: D. Henry and H. Lapeyre.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Information Systems Manager Neal Prejean presented information relative to the Parish Government providing web casting of the Parish Council’s committee and regular meetings. Mr. Prejean continued that due to the differences in connecting to the Internet, there might be some problems with providing the video feed of the meetings. He also provided a cost analysis of providing the aforementioned service, and noted that there did not appear to be a substantial interest for the service at this time.

Discussion ensued relative to future interest of providing web casting of Parish Council committee meetings. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

The Chairman announced that Item No. 3 (Providing a government access channel through local cable franchises) and Item No. 4 (Amending the Parish Code to delete duplicate references to the Coastal Zone Management Advisory Committee) have been withdrawn from the agenda as per the request of Administration.

Council Clerk Paul Labat suggested that the committee consider rescheduling committee meetings tentatively scheduled for May 26, 2003 (Memorial Day Holiday) and conducting all committee meetings on May 27, 2003 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. J. B. Breaux moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee schedule all committee meetings on May 27, 2003 beginning at 4:00 p.m.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. B. Breaux.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  D. Henry and H. Lapeyre.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. J. B. Breaux, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee add on to the agenda the matter relative to hiring legal counsel in the lawsuit titled ‘Joseph Thompson, Jr. vs. the Terrebonne Parish District Attorney’s Office’.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  D. Henry and H. Lapeyre.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Committee Member W. Thibodeaux requested a copy of the aforementioned lawsuit.

Parish Attorney Carolyn McNabb explained that due to the Parish Government insuring the Terrebonne Parish District Attorney’s Office, there might be a conflict of interest in the Legal Department defending the case due to several parish employees being witnesses in the case. Ms. McNabb continued that the law firm of McGlinchey Stafford has several years of experience with employee matters, and noted that the firm has agreed to provide the services at a cost of $150.00 per hour for attorney fees, and $65.00 per hour for paralegal fees.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. J.B. Breaux.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-192

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MCGLINCHEY STAFFORD, PLLC. TO PROVIDE SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL IN THE MATTER OF JOSEPH THOMPSON, JR. EXO THE TERREBONNE PARISH DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE, ET AL.

WHEREAS, on or about February 21, 2003, Joseph Thompson, Jr. filed a lawsuit against the Terrebonne Parish District Attorney’s Office, et al, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Case No. 03-450; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson is currently an employee of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson’s employment with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government creates a conflict of interest such that the Parish Attorney and Assistant Parish Attorneys cannot provide a defense for the District Attorney’s Office and other defendants in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the firm of McGlinchey Stafford is willing to handle the defense of this matter subject to the terms set forth in the attached letter; and
WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Legal Department deems it to be in the best interest of TPCG to engage the firm of McGlinchey Stafford to provide conflict defense in this matter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Terrebonne Parish Code, Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-11. Selection and Appointment of Attorneys, the parish government may employ special legal counsel with the approval of the council; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Policy, Procedure & Legal Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that the Parish President is hereby authorized to engage the firm of McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC to provide a defense, to execute all documents and to remit all payments for reasonable services performed by McGlinchey Stafford as relates to the case entitled Joseph Thompson, Jr. v. The Terrebonne Parish District Attorney’s Office, et al, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Case No. 03-450

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: D. Henry and H. Lapeyre.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 21ST day of April, 2003.

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Upon questioning, Ms. McNabb stated that the Parish Government would also reimburse the aforementioned firm for any miscellaneous expenses (ie, transportation, mileage, experts, etc.).

Miss C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “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 Miss C. Duplantis.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: D. Henry and H. Lapeyre.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Ray B. Boudreaux, Jr., Chairman

Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Mr. R. Boudreaux moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting held on 4/21/03.”

The Vice-Chair called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. R. Boudreaux.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None

ABSTAINING:  None

ABSENT:  W. Thibodeaux

The Vice-Chair declared the motion adopted.

The Vice-Chair called for a report on the Public Services Committee meeting held on 4/22/03, whereupon the Committee Chairman rendered the following:

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

APRIL 22, 2003

The Chairman, Alvin Tillman, called the Public Services Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by C. Duplantis and the Pledge of Allegiance led by R. Boudreaux. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: R. Boudreaux, J. B. Breaux, C. Duplantis, D. Henry, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, and A. Tillman. Committee Member C. Voisin was recorded as entering the proceedings at 5:36 p.m. A quorum was declared present.

OFFERED BY: Mr. R. Boudreaux, Jr.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes and Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-193

A resolution providing approval of Change Order No. 1, for Entergy Operation Services, Inc. for Protective Relay and Control Panel Modification at Norman St and Substation No. 2 for additional testing of existing fiber cable, project no. 02-USD-37.

WHEREAS, by contract dated February 3, 2003, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government did award a contract to Entergy Operation Services, Inc. for Protective Relay and Control Panel Modification at Norman Street and Substation No. 2 for installation of protective relays, project no. 02-USD-37, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, as will be seen by reference to said contract which is recorded under Entry No. 1138743 of the records of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the designated fibers were to be used were found damaged and contractor was required to perform additional test to identify undamaged fiber to be utilized in conjunction with the project, and

WHEREAS, a change order has been recommended for an increase in the amount of $2,400.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, hereby approves this change order for the above referenced project; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President be authorized to execute Change Order No. 1, for an increase in the amount of $2,400.00.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

A resolution providing for the acceptance of work performed by Entergy Operation Services, Inc. in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Protective Relay and Control Panel Modification at Norman Street and Substation No. 2, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, by contract dated February 3, 2003, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government did award a contract to Entergy Operation Services, Inc. for Protective Relay and Control Panel Modification at Norman Street and Substation No. 2, as will be seen by reference to said contract which is recorded under Entry No. 1138743 of the records of Terrebonne Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby accept the work performed by Entergy Operation Services, Inc. in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion, effective as of the date of the 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 Entry No. 1138743 of the Records of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payment of project retainage, subject to (i) lapse of a 45-day clears lien period; (ii) submittal of a clear lien certificate by contractor; and (iii) completion of all punch list items, be, and is hereby authorized.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Voisin.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 22nd day of April, 2003.

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OFFERED BY: Mr. R. Boudreaux, Jr.
SECONDED: Mr. P. Rhodes.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-194
RESOLUTION NO. 03-195

A resolution rejecting all bids of Parish Project No. 01-GT-02, Government Tower, Phase 2, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, bids have been received for the Government Tower, Phase 2 Project, Parish Project NO. 01-GT-02, by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, and

WHEREAS, the bids received have come in over budget, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended that all bids received for the Government Tower, Phase 2 Project, Parish Project No. 01-GT-02, be rejected.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish Administration be approved and that all bids received for the Government Tower, Phase 2 Project, Parish Project No. 01-GT-02, be rejected.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  C. Voisin.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 22nd day of April, 2003.

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OFFERED BY:   Mr. R. Boudreaux, Jr.
SECONDED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre and Mr. J.B. Breaux.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-196

A resolution authorizing the execution of an contract between Gremillion Land Management Company, LLC & Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government to provide a mitigation site for the Westside Boulevard Extension Project identified as Parish Project No. 99-EXT-58; and authorizing execution of a contract for these services.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is desirous of entering into a contract with Gremillion Land Management Company, LLC, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is required by the USCOE to mitigate for wetland damages it will incur with the construction of the Westside Boulevard Extension Project, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government wishes to satisfy these required mitigation requirements, and

WHEREAS, Gremillion Land Management Company, LLC, has the site known as Bayou Grand Coteau Mitigation Bank, and

WHEREAS, this mitigation bank will satisfy the wetland mitigation requirements for the this project, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government agrees to pay $4,500.00 per acre, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is required to mitigate for 7.64 acres for said project, and
WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government agrees to pay Gremillion Land Management Company, LLC a non-refundable payment of $34,380.00 for these wetland mitigation requirements, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby authorize the execution of said contract in the amount of $34,380.00 and any and all paperwork necessary for mitigation for the Westside Boulevard Extension Project, Parish Project No. 99-EXT-58; by Terrebonne Parish President Robert J. Bergeron.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  C. Voisin.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 22nd day of April, 2003.

Parish Manager Al Levron stated that the environmental phase of the aforementioned project has been completed and noted that the project is now in the preliminary engineering phase.

Parish Engineer Robert Jones explained that the aforementioned project is being funded by the Department of Transportation & Development, and is currently in the 90% check phase. Mr. Jones continued that the project drawings have been sent back to Administration for revision and noted that it will be some time before the project is completed. Upon questioning, he stated that Lafourche Parish has approved mitigation land banks from which land will be taken, and noted that Terrebonne Parish does not have any approved mitigation land banks.

Committee Member C. Voisin was recorded as entering the proceedings at this time.

The Chairman announced that Item No. 5 (Approving Change Order No. 5 with Thompson Construction Company, Inc. for the Main Library/Headquarters Facility) has been withdrawn from the agenda as per the request of the project architect.

OFFERED BY: Mr. R. Boudreaux, Jr.
SECONDED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-197

A Resolution awarding and authorizing the signing of the Construction Contract for Parish Project No. 01-DRA-43, Bonanza Pump Station Floodproofing, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana and authorizing the issuance of the Notice to Proceed to commence construction of said Project.

WHEREAS, The Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government wishes to improve the discharge end of the Bonanza pump station to prevent water from flowing back into the system, herein after known as Parish Project 01-DRA-43, Bonanza Pump Station Floodproofing Project, and

WHEREAS, Bids have been received to effect the above referenced project, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Dupre Brothers Construction, Inc., submitted the lowest responsible bid of $119,017.25 to construct this project, and

WHEREAS, the Engineer for this project, T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc., has recommended
that the award of the contract be made to the firm of Dupre Brothers Construction, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the base bid of Dupre Brothers Construction, Inc., in the amount of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Seventeen Dollars and Twenty Five Cents ($119,017.25), as per attached bid forms.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has provided sufficient funds to complete the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that all bid items necessary for the completion of Parish Project No. 01-DRA-43, Bonanza Pump Station Floodproofing Project, be awarded to the firm of Dupre Brothers Construction, Inc., and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish Administration be approved, and that the quote of Dupre Brothers Construction, Inc., in the amount of $119,017.25 be accepted as per attached bid forms, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President be authorized to execute all necessary Contract Documents to authorize Dupre Brothers Construction, Inc., to proceed with all necessary services for the completion of the project.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 22nd day of April, 2003.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-198

A Resolution awarding and authorizing the signing of the Construction Contract for Parish Project No. 02-PAVE-27, Shrimpers Row Improvements, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana and authorizing the issuance of the Notice to Proceed to commence construction of said Project.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government wishes to elevate Shrimpers Row to an elevation of 3.5 to reestablish the boundary of the forced drainage system, herein after known as Parish Project 02-PAVE-27, Shrimpers Row Improvements Road Project, and

WHEREAS, Bids have been received to effect the above referenced project, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Huey Stockstill, Inc., submitted the lowest responsible bid of $822,080.30 to construct this project, and

WHEREAS, the Engineer for this project, T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc., has recommended that the award of the contract be made to the firm of Huey Stockstill, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the Alternate No. 2 bid of Huey Stockstill, Inc., in the amount of Eight Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Eighty Dollars and Thirty Cents ($822,080.30), as per attached bid forms.
WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has provided sufficient funds to complete the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that all bid items necessary for the completion of Parish Project No. 02-PAVE-27, Shrimpers Row Improvements Project, be awarded to the firm of Huey Stockstill, Inc., and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish Administration be approved, and that the quote of Huey Stockstill, Inc., in the amount of $822,080.30 be accepted as per attached bid forms, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President be authorized to execute all necessary Contract Documents to authorize Huey Stockstill, Inc., to proceed with all necessary services for the completion of the project.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 22nd day of April, 2003.

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OFFERED BY: Mr. R. Boudreaux, Jr.
SECONDED: Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-199

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish President to appoint GSE Associates, Inc. to perform professional engineering services for the Modification of Houma Police Department Communications Room is hereby ratified; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President is authorized to execute a professional services agreement with said firm.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 22nd day of April, 2003.

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The Chairman recognized Mr. David Boudreaux of T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc. who presented an update on the Ward 7 Levee. He continued that an inspection of the levee system revealed eight failure locations and a detailed analysis was completed to determine the proper
solution for repairing the failures. Mr. Boudreaux stated that the feasibility report only addresses the failures and the low-lying areas of Phase 1, which extends from Boudreaux Canal north to the Lashbrook Pump Station. He explained the two alternatives for repairing the system as follows: Alternative 1) Move the levee 60 to 80 feet into the marsh by creating a twenty-five foot stability burm and digging the Borrow Canal deeper and wider to build up an earth levee of plus 8 elevation, and Alternative 2) Shave the existing levee down to a plus 4 elevation, create a small stability burm on the inside approximately 10 to 12 feet and place the material on the outside of the existing levee, and then place a vinyl sheet pile wall up to plus 7 ½ foot elevation on the outside of the new plus 4 foot elevation. Mr. Boudreaux recommended Alternative 2 as the most viable solution, and noted that the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has allocated $550,000.00 and the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District has allocated $110,000.00 for the project. Upon questioning, Mr. Boudreaux stated that the repairs will not elevate the entire levee on the south side Phase 1, and noted that Phase 1 is approximately 31,000 feet in length of which 15,000 feet is below a plus 7 elevation. He added that by raising the failure areas plus an additional 18,000 feet, approximately 1/5 of the 31,000 feet would be raised to a plus 7 elevation. Mr. Boudreaux stated that the ultimate goal of the project is to provide a plus 7-foot elevation over the entire length of the system.

Parish President Robert Bergeron informed the committee that a lot of the aforementioned work will be completed “in-house”.

Upon questioning, Parish Manager Al Levron stated that T. Baker Smith’s report is based upon contracting the services for the aforementioned project; however, Administration intends to complete the project “in-house”. He continued that the project will be advertised in such a manner to allow the base bid to be the amount of linear footage required for the primary areas of repair, and will have the ability to issue a change order to the same contract to increase quantities.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Public Services Committee accept the report from T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc. on the Ward 7 Levee and concur with the findings of the report.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)**

Upon additional questioning, Mr. Levron stated that an Attorney General’s opinion has stated that as long as the project is completed under the existing footprint and the work being completed is to restore the integrity of the public work project, it is considered a maintenance project and can be done with Parish forces.

**The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. Henry.**

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: R. Boudreaux and D. Henry.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Upon questioning, Parish Manager Al Levron stated that burms would be located on each side of the levee for access and maintenance.

Mr. David Boudreaux interjected that the majority of the aforementioned project is compacted, and noted that the 4-foot crown will be built under the existing levee.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Public Services Committee add on the agenda the matters relative to receiving a report from the Boat Launch Advisory Committee and submitting four pre-applications to the Statewide Flood Control Program.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. Henry.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: R. Boudreaux.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. D. Henry.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-200

A resolution authorizing Parish President Robert Bergeron to prepare, execute and submit a pre-application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for assistance in the implementation of a project for the purpose of reducing existing flood damages in the Agnes Street Area; providing for the necessary documentation of said flood damages; and providing for other related matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Agnes Street Area along Bayou Grand Caillou in Terrebonne Parish has been adversely affected by damages from flood waters, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government desires to apply for State matching funds pursuant to L.A. R.S. 38:90.1 et. Seq., as amended, to implement a project to reduce said flood damages, and that the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is fully aware of its obligations under said Statute, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council is a political body, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana and is eligible to apply for funds under said Statute.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that:

Section 1. That the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government acknowledges that, upon approval of the pre-application, a formal application (for the Agnes Street Area Drainage Project) will be prepared and submitted to the Statewide Flood Control Program.

Section 2. That at the appropriate time, and upon approval of funding assistance, and prior to commencement of work on the project, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government agrees to execute a Statement of Sponsorship, pursuant to said Statute.

Section 3. That Robert J. Bergeron, Parish President, is hereby designated Authorized Representative for the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government to effect the preparation of the pre-application and application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for funding assistance for a flood control project.

Section 4. That said Authorized Representative’s responsibilities shall pertain to technical matters only and shall not include any official act on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: R. Boudreaux, Jr.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 22nd day of April, 2003.

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OFFERED BY: Mr. D. Henry.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-201

A resolution authorizing Parish President Robert Bergeron to prepare, execute and submit a pre-application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for assistance in the implementation of a project for the purpose of reducing existing flood damages in the Concord Road Forced Drainage Area; providing for the necessary documentation of said flood damages; and providing for other related matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Concord Road Forced Drainage Area in Terrebonne Parish has been adversely affected by damages from flood waters, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government desires to apply for State matching funds pursuant to L.A. R.S. 38:90.1 et. Seq., as amended, to implement a project to reduce said flood damages, and that the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is fully aware of its obligations under said Statute, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council is a political body, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana and is eligible to apply for funds under said Statute.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that:

Section 1. That the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government acknowledges that, upon approval of the pre-application, a formal application (for the Concord Road Forced Drainage Improvements Project) will be prepared and submitted to the Statewide Flood Control Program.

Section 2. That at the appropriate time, and upon approval of funding assistance, and prior to commencement of work on the project, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government agrees to execute a Statement of Sponsorship, pursuant to said Statute.

Section 3. That Robert J. Bergeron, Parish President, is hereby designated Authorized Representative for the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government to effect the preparation of the pre-application and application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for funding assistance for a flood control project.

Section 4. That said Authorized Representative’s responsibilities shall pertain to technical matters only and shall not include any official act on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: R. Boudreaux, Jr.
RESOLUTION NO. 03-202

A resolution authorizing Parish President Robert Bergeron to prepare, execute and submit a pre-application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for assistance in the implementation of a project for the purpose of reducing existing flood damages in the Upper Ward 7 Area; providing for the necessary documentation of said flood damages; and providing for other related matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Upper Ward 7 Area in Terrebonne Parish has been adversely affected by damages from flood waters, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government desires to apply for State matching funds pursuant to L.A. R.S. 38:90.1 et. Seq., as amended, to implement a project to reduce said flood damages, and that the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is fully aware of its obligations under said Statute, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council is a political body, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana and is eligible to apply for funds under said Statute.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that:

Section 1. That the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government acknowledges that, upon approval of the pre-application, a formal application (for the Upper Ward 7 Levee Drainage Project) will be prepared and submitted to the Statewide Flood Control Program.

Section 2. That at the appropriate time, and upon approval of funding assistance, and prior to commencement of work on the project, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government agrees to execute a Statement of Sponsorship, pursuant to said Statute.

Section 3. That Robert J. Bergeron, Parish President, is hereby designated Authorized Representative for the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government to effect the preparation of the pre-application and application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for funding assistance for a flood control project.

Section 4. That said Authorized Representative’s responsibilities shall pertain to technical matters only and shall not include any official act on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: R. Boudreaux, Jr.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 22nd day of April, 2003.
RESOLUTION NO. 03-203

A resolution authorizing Parish President Robert Bergeron to prepare, execute and submit a pre-application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for assistance in the implementation of a project for the purpose of reducing existing flood damages in the Gum Street Area; providing for the necessary documentation of said flood damages; and providing for other related matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Gum Street area in Terrebonne Parish has been adversely affected by damages from flood waters, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government desires to apply for State matching funds pursuant to L.A. R.S. 38:90.1 et. Seq., as amended, to implement a project to reduce said flood damages, and that the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is fully aware of its obligations under said Statute, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council is a political body, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana and is eligible to apply for funds under said Statute.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that:

Section 1. That the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government acknowledges that, upon approval of the pre-application, a formal application (for the Gum Street Area Drainage Project) will be prepared and submitted to the Statewide Flood Control Program.

Section 2. That at the appropriate time, and upon approval of funding assistance, and prior to commencement of work on the project, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government agrees to execute a Statement of Sponsorship, pursuant to said Statute.

Section 3. That Robert J. Bergeron, Parish President, is hereby designated Authorized Representative for the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government to effect the preparation of the pre-application and application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for funding assistance for a flood control project.

Section 4. That said Authorized Representative’s responsibilities shall pertain to technical matters only and shall not include any official act on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: R. Boudreaux, Jr.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 22nd day of April, 2003.

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The Chairman recognized Boat Launch Advisory Committee Chairman Rudie Bourgeois who requested that the committee consider: 1) Designating the Texas Gulf Road Boat Launch as the Boat Launch Project for 2003; 2) Submitting a grant application for Wallop-Breaux Funds; 3) Requesting that staff and members of the aforementioned committee meet with Mr. McElroy of the Wildlife & Fisheries Department to receive assistance with the preparation of the grant application; 4) Dedicating enough property along south and north side of Company Canal to triple the parking space for Texas Gulf Road Boat Launch Facility; Designating a representative from Administration to work with the Boat Launch Advisory Committee, 5) Amending the
action establishing the Boat Launch Advisory Committee to reflect its current status;  6) Reviewing the process for launching boats at Cannon’s Boat Landing and meeting with the Recreation District No. 9 Board to discuss same;  7) Allowing the aforementioned committee to present direct input to the Risk Management Division to improve safety of the existing Parish-owned boat launches; and 8) Allowing the aforementioned committee to meet with any engineering or architectural firms that may be designated to design new boat launches or renovations to existing boat launches. Mr. Bourgeois presented information relative to funding available for public boat launches.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded unanimously, “THAT, the Public Services Committee concur with the Boat Launch Advisory Committee to: 1) Designate Texas Gulf Road Boat Launch as the 2003 Boat Launch Project; 2) Request that Administration meet with the Boat Launch Advisory Committee to designate a staff representative to work with the aforementioned committee and review the aspect of allowing input from the committee to the Risk Management Division; 3) Authorize the committee to meet with Recreation District No. 9 to discuss the boat launch plan; and 4) Direct the Council Clerk to draft the appropriate resolution to amend the Boat Launch Advisory Committee duties and responsibilities.”

The Chairman relinquished the chair to the Vice Chairman, and exited the proceedings at 6:02 p. m.

Upon questioning, Parish Manager Al Levron stated that Administration has discussed designating the Public Works Operations Superintendent as the staff liaison to the Boat Launch Advisory Committee, and suggested that the committee accept Mr. Perry Blanchard as the nominee. Mr. Levron added that he is willing to discuss with the Parish President the possibility of providing clerical assistance to the aforementioned committee.

Committee Member C. Duplantis was recorded as exiting the proceedings at 6:10 p. m.

Committee Member H. Lapeyre expressed his desire to meet with Recreation District No. 9 to discuss its boat launch process.

Discussion ensued relative to complaints received regarding launching from Cannon Boat Landing.

**The Vice Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. Henry.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  C. Duplantis and A. Tillman.

The Vice Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. R. Boudreaux moved, seconded unanimously, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Public Services Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

The Vice Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. R. Boudreaux.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT: C. Duplantis and A. Tillman.

The Vice Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Alvin Tillman, Chairman
Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. J. B. Breaux, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 4/22/03.”

The Vice-Chair called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. A. Tillman.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux

The Vice-Chair declared the motion adopted.

The Vice-Chair called for a report on the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 4/22/03, whereupon the Committee Chairman rendered the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

APRIL 22, 2003

The Chairman, Harold Lapeyre, called the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by A. Tillman and the Pledge of Allegiance led by C. Voisin. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: J. B. Breaux, C. Duplantis, D. Henry, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin. Committee Member R. Boudreaux was recorded as entering the proceedings at 6:46 p.m. A quorum was declared present.

OFFERED BY: Mr. J.B. Breaux.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-204

A resolution authorizing the Parish President to sign the Weatherization Assistance Program contract between Louisiana Housing Finance Agency and Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.

WHEREAS, the contract amount of $59,906.00 is available to the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for a period of April 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby authorize the Parish President, Robert J. Bergeron, to sign and submit the Weatherization Assistance Program Contract, and to sign and submit any other documents necessary between Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency for the enactment of this contract.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: R. Boudreaux, Jr. and C. Duplantis.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 22nd day of April, 2003.

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OFFERED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.
SECONDED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-205

A resolution designating April 21-27, 2003 as Community Development Week in Terrebonne Parish.

WHEREAS, the week of April 21-27, 2003 has been designated as National Community Development Week, and the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is a participant in the Community Development Block Grant Program, which funds a myriad of social service, economic development, public works and housing programs in Terrebonne Parish, and

WHEREAS, in Terrebonne Parish and in communities throughout the nation, twenty-eight years of Community Development Block Grant funding has developed a strong network of relationships between this local government, residents and the many non-profit agencies that provide services and help make possible our commitment to residents of Terrebonne Parish in need of these programs, and

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish recognizes that the Community Development Block Grant program is a partnership of Federal, state and local government, business, non-profit and community efforts, and that the services funded by the Federal CDBG program, administered by Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, relies heavily on the dedication and goodwill of our combined efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that during National Community Development Week 2003, this community will give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to low and moderate income residents help insure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, along with many other local government and non-profit agencies, hereby proclaim that the U.S. Congress and Administration recognize the outstanding work being done locally by the Community Development Block Grant program, and of its vital importance to the community and to the people who live in its lower income neighborhoods; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the entire Congressional Delegation and that Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be added to the roll of those committed to the preservation and full funding of the Community Development Block Grant program and maintenance of its essential features over the course of the next session of Congress.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 22nd day of April, 2003.

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Miss C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee retain the matter relative to the Williams Street Walking Track/Park in committee for two weeks.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Miss C. Duplantis.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: R. Boudreaux.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee retain the matter relative to the possible ‘twinning’ with the city of Terrebonne, Quebec in committee for two weeks.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. Henry.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: R. Boudreaux.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. D. Henry.
SECONDED: Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-206

A Resolution proclaiming the week of April 27 through May 3, 2003, as “USS Terrebonne Parish (LST 1156) Reunion Week” throughout Terrebonne Parish.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Terrebonne Parish were forever honored by the United States Navy upon naming LST 1156 the USS Terrebonne Parish at ceremonies in New Orleans on July 1, 1955; and,

WHEREAS, the USS Terrebonne Parish (LST 1156) served her country with distinction until October 29, 1971, participating in amphibious exercise and assault landings in the Caribbean and Mediterranean, and contributing to the security of the United States during the “Cold War” and the Cuban missile crisis; and,
WHEREAS, her service to our nation has brought honor to Terrebonne Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the USS Terrebonne Parish (LST 1156) Reunion Association has further honored Terrebonne Parish by choosing this parish as the site of its second annual reunion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and Parish President Robert J. Bergeron that the Parish does hereby proclaim the week of April 27 through May 3, 2003, as “USS Terrebonne Parish (LST 1156) Reunion Week” throughout Terrebonne Parish; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this proclamation be read aloud into the Official Record at the Regular Council Meeting of April 23, 2003, and officially presented to the USS Terrebonne Parish (LST 1156) Reunion Association at its banquet in Houma on Friday, May 2, 2003 by Parish President Bergeron or his designee.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 22nd day of April, 2003.

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The Chairman announced that Item No. 6 (Establishing a ‘3-Way Stop’ at the intersection of Fallon Drive and Vicki Drive in Ashland North Subdivision) and Item No. 7 (Co-sponsorship of the “SNIP Van” with the Terrebonne Humane Society) have been withdrawn from the agenda.

Committee Member R. Boudreaux was recorded as entering the proceedings at this time.

Discussion ensued relative to establishing a litter court in Terrebonne Parish through the local Justices of the Peace in order to deter litter.

Assistant Parish Attorney Craig Stewart stated that the committee previously considered establishing a litter court in Terrebonne Parish, and suggested that the committee consider the extent of establishing said court.

The Chairman requested that the Legal Department submit information relative to litter courts in surrounding parishes.

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee request the Legal Department to continue its review of establishing a litter court in Terrebonne Parish, to draft an ordinance creating such including a list of pros and cons for the litter court.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Committee Member D. Henry requested that several of the Council members meet with local judges to receive input on creating a litter court.

Parish Manager Al Levron cautioned the committee as to providing funding for a litter court, and the ultimate burden that may be imposed on funding obligations for City and District Court. Mr. Levron noted the previous concerns of Judge Jude Fanguy and Judge Jimmy Gaidry as to the proceedings, recordation, and evidence in handling litter court proceedings.

Several of members of the committee requested that the Legal Department: 1) Obtain information on the number of citations issued for litter and the amount of fines collected over a three year period, and 2) Obtain budgets of those parishes that have litter courts and their funding sources.
The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. W. Thibodeaux.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  R. Boudreaux, C. Duplantis, and C. Voisin.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. D. Henry, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee retain the matter relative to the establishment of additional hazardous waste regulations in committee for further review.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. W. Thibodeaux.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  C. Duplantis.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. J. B. Breaux, “THAT, the Community Development Committee retain the matter relative to the Bayou Cane Fire Protection District in committee for two weeks.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. Henry.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. D. Henry, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Community Development & Planning Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: D. Henry.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Harold Lapeyre, Chairman
Suzette Thomas Minute Clerk

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 4/22/03.”

The Vice-Chair called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. H. Lapeyre.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux

The Vice-Chair declared the motion adopted.

Mr. J. B. Breaux moved, seconded by Mr. D. Henry, “THAT, the Council authorize the installation of the following street light:

INSTALL LIGHT ON EXISTING POLE AT 163 OLD BRIDGE ROAD (JIMMY LEDET); ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 4; SLECA; CLAYTON VOISIN.”

The Vice-Chair called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. B. Breaux.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux

The Vice-Chair declared the motion adopted.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council hold nominations open until May 14 for the three vacancies on the Terrebonne Parish Women’s Commission.”

The Vice-Chair called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. Henry.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux and R. Boudreaux

The Vice-Chair declared the motion adopted.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council hold nominations open until May 14 for the two alternate member vacancies on the Board of Zoning Adjustments.”

The Vice-Chair called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. Henry.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux and R. Boudreaux

The Vice-Chair declared the motion adopted.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. R. Boudreaux and Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council re-appoint Ms. Della Hotard to another term on the TARC Advisory Board (General Membership); that the Parish President’s appointment of Mr. Carl McNabb be ratified, and that nominations be held open until May 14 for the one remaining vacancy.”

The Vice-Chair called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. Henry.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux

The Vice-Chair declared the motion adopted.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council hold nominations open until May 14 for seven Council appointments on the Terrebonne Coastal Zone Management and Restoration Advisory Committee.”

The Vice-Chair called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. Henry.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux
The Vice-Chair declared the motion adopted.

Parish President R. Bergeron requested the Council’s ratification of his recommended appointments of Mr. Nolan Bergeron and Mr. Kirby Verret to the Terrebonne Coastal Zone Management and Restoration Advisory Committee.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. D. Henry, “THAT, the Council ratify the Parish President’s appointment of Mr. Nolan Bergeron and Mr. Kirby Verret to the Terrebonne Coastal Zone Management and Restoration Advisory Committee.”

The Vice-Chair called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. H. Lapeyre.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None

ABSTAINING:  None

ABSENT:  W. Thibodeaux

The Vice-Chair declared the motion adopted.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. R. Boudreaux, “THAT, the Council allow an add-on to tonight’s agenda to address a resolution regarding the Timbalier Island Dune and Restoration Project.”

The Vice-Chair called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. Henry.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None

ABSTAINING:  None

ABSENT:  W. Thibodeaux

The Vice-Chair declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.
SECONDED:  Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-207

WHEREAS, the ongoing Timbalier Island Dune and Restoration Project (TE-40/XTE-45a), currently being administered by the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, is of utmost importance to the present and future generations of Terrebonne Parish residents and property owners, and

WHEREAS, due to difficulties in acquiring needed land rights for the project, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, is proposing to remove nearly a mile of the restoration work from the east end of the overall project, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is the designated Permittee, and

WHEREAS, any reduction in project scope such as is being proposed by the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources will result in fewer benefits, and
WHEREAS, as Permittee, the Terrebonne Parish Council strongly opposes the removal of any portion of the scheduled work area from this important project because of benefit reduction;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that all members of the Terrebonne Parish Legislative Delegation be requested to do everything possible to prevent the removal of any portion of the project from the Timbalier Island Dune and Restoration Project and that the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources be urged to continue to work to acquire the necessary land rights for this project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President be requested to offer the assistance of his Administration in acquiring the necessary rights-of-way in order to assure the completion of the entire scope of this most needed project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Engineer (T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc.).

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  W. Thibodeaux.

The Vice Chair declared the resolution adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2003.

Councilman J. B. Breaux requested Administration to determine if any funds that were allocated to the New Orleans Saints can be returned to Terrebonne Parish because of them not holding to their agreement.

Councilman D. Henry requested the Council staff to copy the portion of tonight’s meeting tape that commended the Houma Police Department for their professionalism to send to Chief Pat Boudreaux.

Council Clerk P. Labat reminded everyone of the 4th annual “Cosmic” Bowl for Kids’ Sake sponsored by the Big Brother/Big Sisters and Boys and Girls Club on Saturday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Creole Lanes. He also announced the 5K Run for Excellence on May 10 in downtown Houma.

In Councilman W. Thibodeaux’s absence, Councilman A. Tillman announced the Terrebonne Parish Comprehensive Master Plan Public Meeting to be held on April 30, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at the H.L. Bourgeois High School in Gray.

Vice-Chair C. Duplantis stated that the aforementioned meeting also encompasses some areas of District 4 and encouraged residents to attend.

Councilman R. Boudreaux requested that a letter be sent to the owner of the New Orleans Saints requesting reimbursement of funds that were previously allocate to the team.

Councilman H. Lapeyre announced that the Terrebonne Parish Library staff is having a march from the old library to the new library, grand opening on Saturday, April 26 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and encouraged the public to participate in the activities.
Upon questioning by Councilman A. Tillman, Parish Attorney C. McNabb stated that the Legal Department is currently reviewing the contract that was entered into with the New Orleans Saints to determine what the City of Thibodaux may do about the matter.

Council Clerk P. Labat announced the Ladybug Ball to be held this Saturday, April 26 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Court square.

Parish President R. Bergeron read aloud a resolution adopted at the April 23 Community Development Committee meeting proclaiming the week of April 27 through May 3, 2003 as “USS Terrebonne Parish (LST 1156) Reunion Week” throughout Terrebonne Parish. Mr. Bergeron stated that the proclamation will be presented to the Terrebonne Parish (LST 1156) Reunion Association on Wednesday, April 30 at the Ramada Inn in Houma at 8:00 a.m. and invited Council Members to be present to honor these past servicemen.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. R. Boudreaux, “THAT, the Council accept the following Monthly Engineering Reports:

A) Milford & Associates, Inc.
B) T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc.
C) Cheramie & Whitney Architects
D) GSE Associates, Inc.
E) Coastal Engineering & Environmental Consultants, Inc.”

The Vice-Chair called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. Henry.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux

The Vice-Chair declared the motion adopted.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. R. Boudreaux, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned.”

The Vice-Chair called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. D. Henry.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: W. Thibodeaux

The Vice-Chair declared the motion adopted.

VENITA H. WHITNEY
MINUTE CLERK

ATTEST:

/S/CLAYTON J. VOISIN
CLAYTON J. VOISIN, CHAIRMAN
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL
/S/PAUL A. LABAT
PAUL A. LABAT, COUNCIL CLERK
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL