OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL
IN REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 23, 2008

The Chairman, Mr. C. Voisin, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room. Following the Invocation, led by Councilman J. Cehan, Minute Clerk V. Whitney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call, Council Members recorded as present were: A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, and A. Tillman. L. Robichaux was recorded as absent. A quorum was declared present.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. J. Pizzolatto and Mr. B. Hebert, “THAT, the Council approve the minutes of the Regular Council Session held on 3/26/08.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS: None
ABSENT: L. Robichaux
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. J. Pizzolatto, “THAT, the Council approve the Parish Bill List dated 4/23/08.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: A. Tillman
ABSENT: L. Robichaux
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council approve the Parish Manual Check List for February 2008.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS: None
ABSENT: L. Robichaux
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Parish President M. Claudet read aloud and presented a commendation for Gabriel Aucoin, a 6th grade student at Mulberry Elementary School, for having been awarded 1st Place in the History Category of the State Social Studies Fair for his project “Uncommon Valor”.

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RESOLUTION NO. 08-174

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council was pleased to learn that Gabriel Aucoin, a 6th grade student at Mulberry Elementary School, participated in the Louisiana Social Studies Fair on April 21, 2008, and

WHEREAS, Gabriel’s project, entitled “Uncommon Valor Was a Common Virtue”, was prepared after countless hours of research into the Battle of Iwo Jima, and

WHEREAS, the project was awarded Grand Prize at the local level, then competed at the regional level at Nicholls State University before moving on to the State competition, and

WHEREAS, after being entered into competition in Lake Charles, “Uncommon Valor” was awarded 1st Place in the History Category of the State Social Studies Fair, and

WHEREAS, this achievement is a reflection of hard work and dedication by Gabriel, and an indication of the loving support he receives from his family in his academic efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Parish President and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that Gabriel Aucoin, son of Donald and Ruth Aucoin, be congratulated for having been awarded 1st Place in the History Category of the State Social Studies Fair for his project, “Uncommon Valor Was a Common Virtue”, and that he be wished the best in all of his future endeavors.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: L. Robichaux.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2008.

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The Chairman recognized Mr. Gabriel Aucoin, who thanked the Parish President and Council for the commendation.

Parish President M. Claudet read aloud and presented a commendation for Jonathan Chauvin, a 6th grade student at Mulberry Elementary School, for having qualified for participation in the Louisiana Social Studies Fair for his project, “Bridges of Terrebonne Parish”.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-175

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council was pleased to learn that Jonathan Chauvin, a 6th grade student at Mulberry Elementary School, participated in the Louisiana Social Studies Fair on April 21, 2008, and

WHEREAS, Jonathan’s project, entitled “Bridges of Terrebonne Parish”, was devised using pictures of area bridges, intensive research, interviews with Parish officials, as well as a working model of a bridge, and
WHEREAS, the project was awarded 1st place at the local level, as well as at the regional level at Nicholls State University before moving on to the State competition, and

WHEREAS, this achievement is a reflection of the hard work and dedication that Jonathan shows in all aspects of his young life, which includes membership in the Mulberry School Band, membership in Boy Scout Troop 311, and participation in outdoor activities such as camping, fishing, and duck hunting, and

WHEREAS, Jonathan enjoys woodworking, working with hand tools, building and inventing, as evidenced by his detailed model of an operable bridge for his project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Parish President and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that Jonathan Paul Chauvin, son of Philip and Jeannine Chauvin, be congratulated for having qualified for participation in the Louisiana Social Studies Fair for his project, “Bridges of Terrebonne Parish”, and that he be wished the best in all of his future endeavors.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: L. Robichaux.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2008.

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The Chairman recognized Mr. Jonathan Chauvin, who thanked the Parish President and Council for the commendation.

OFFERED BY: Mr. B. Hebert.
SECONDED: Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-176

WHEREAS, Cancer will touch one in two men and one in three women during their lifetime, and

WHEREAS, this year alone, 564,830 Americans are expected to die of cancer – more than 1,500 people per day, and

WHEREAS, nationwide, more than 1.3 million people will be diagnosed with cancer this year, and an estimated 23,890 of those cases will be Louisiana residents, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service, and

WHEREAS, Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society’s signature activity raising awareness and funds for the fight against cancer, and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2008, teams of community members will take turns walking or running around a track for 12 hours during this unique fund-raising event to symbolize that cancer never sleeps, and, therefore, we cannot stop fighting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of Parish President Michel H. Claudet and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the
weekend of April 25 - 27, 2008 be proclaimed “American Cancer Society Relay for Life Weekend in Houma-Terrebonne” and in doing so, urge all community members to support the fund-raising efforts of local Relay for Life teams, urge all community members to Paint the Town Purple by wearing purple on Friday, April 25, 2008 in honor of all citizens of Terrebonne Parish who have been touched by cancer, to join cancer survivors in the celebration of life, and dedicate themselves to the fight against cancer by attending the Relay for Life event on April 26, 2008 at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  L. Robichaux.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2008.

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The Chairman recognized Ms. Becky Dupre – Event Chair, Ms. Dawn Plaisance – Co-Chair, and Ms. Jane Adkins – volunteer for the Cancer Society, who thanked the Parish President and Council and stated how the fund raising efforts for cancer in Terrebonne Parish is phenomenal and invited everyone to come out and join the fun for this most worthy event.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Barton Joffrion, LSU Agricultural Center County Agent and Terrebonne Parish Tree Board, who presented the Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA “Growth Award for 2007” to Parish President Claudet, the Council, and the community of Terrebonne Parish for the 3rd year in a row.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. B. Hebert.
SECONDED:  Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-177

WHEREAS, for the past fifty-seven (57) years, the Terrebonne Sportsman’s League, Inc., which boasts a membership of over 300 individuals, has promoted the sport of fishing as a healthy manner in which to enjoy leisure time and to promote the beauty and bounty of Terrebonne Parish’s waterways, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to encourage young people to learn more about and to develop skills for the exciting sport of fishing, the Sportsman League, on the first Saturday of May, 2001, sponsored the Youth Fishing Rodeo Day, which has continued to grow into a highly anticipated annual event, and

WHEREAS, due to the fine work of the organizers of this event, the number of young participants has grown from the initial forty-four young people in 2001, to 159 in 2005, many of whom developed and have maintained a keen interest in this wholesome sport, and

WHEREAS, the involvement of young people in the sport of fishing not only provides young people with another avenue of enjoying spare time, but also assures that there will always be dedicated and devoted recreational fishing enthusiasts in Terrebonne Parish for many years into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Parish President and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that May 3, 2008 be hereby proclaimed YOUTH FISHING RODEO DAY IN HOUMA-TERREBONNE and that the Terrebonne Sportsman’s League, Inc. be congratulated for hosting such a fantastic event.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT:  L. Robichaux.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2008.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Larry Jordon, Terrebonne Sportsman’s League, who thanked the Parish President and Council for the proclamation and support for the last 8 years. He stated it is anticipated to have over 200 kids participating in this rodeo, which is free to the public for children 4 to 17 years of age, held at the Pointe-aux-Chenes Marina, hosted by Barry Fanguy. He invited all youth in Terrebonne Parish to participate.

Upon questioning by Councilman B. Hebert, Mr. Mike D’Angelo – Shaw/Coastal, who explained that the proposed sewer pump station site is located off of Jason St. which intersects Bellair Dr. He stated that the pump station is for the proposed sewer system along Martin Luther King Blvd. He explained that Regions Banks acquired the tract originally from Henry Richard. He stated that it is a common practice for the Parish to purchase land for sewer pump stations.

Upon further questioning by Councilman B. Hebert, Public Works Director Lt. Col. (Ret.) Gregory Bush stated that within the Pollution Control Division, the property is attempted to be purchased for pump stations, as well as for drainage pump stations.

Upon questioning by Councilwoman A. Williams, Mr. Mike D’Angelo stated that he believes the property was purchased from Mr. Richard by Regions Bank in January 2008.

Parish President M. Claudet stated that most developmental sewer systems are included in the development and this pump station is a major factor that is covering the entire area and not just in one subdivision.

Mr. B. Hebert moved, seconded by Mr. J. Pizzolatto, “THAT, the Council introduce an ordinance to authorize the Parish to execute a Cash Sale for the purchase of immovable property consisting of 0.0366 acres of land located at Tract A-B-C-D-A in Section 4, T17S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, for the purpose of constructing a sewer pump station and call a public hearing on May 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  L. Robichaux
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council deviate from the agenda to allow three add-ons to address the following three proclamations: 1) National Nurses Week, 2) Mr. Mike Butler as Honorary Houma-Terrebonne Cajun, and 3) Red Hat Society Day.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  L. Robichaux
RESOLUTION NO. 08-178

WHEREAS, our nation’s largest health care profession group is composed of nearly 2.9 million registered nurses in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the wide scope of duties of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings, and the American Nurses Association, the voice for the registered nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care services, and

WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all of our nation’s registered nursing resources, and

WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients, and the future demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services, and

WHEREAS, more qualified registered nurses are needed to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community, and the cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an even more important component health care delivery system in this country, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Parish President and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, along with the American Nurses Association, that the week of May 5-9, 2008 be hereby declared as “National Nurses Week” in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care and map out the ways to improve our health care system, that all residents of this community join this government in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: L. Robichaux.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2008.

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The Chairman recognized Ms. Mary Kay Blackburn and Ms. Pam Wright, Chabert Medical Center, who thanked the Parish President and Council for recognizing the work that nurses do for ill patients and maintaining health of patients for the Houma-Thibodaux and surrounding area.

OFFERED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.
SECONDED BY: Mr. J. Pizzolatto.
RESOLUTION NO. 08-179

WHEREAS, the elected officials of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government were excited to learn that Mr. Mike Butler, Past International Director of the Lions Club, will be a guest of the Houma-Terrebonne community in the early part of May 2008, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Butler, a resident of Texas, will travel to Houma to take part in the MD8 Lions Convention to be held in Houma on May 3, 2008, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Butler has worked closely with the Lions Clubs of the area and was instrumental in acquiring grants and foundation, which resulted in beneficial programs to this area, and

WHEREAS, the elected officials of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government wish to acknowledge the contributions of Mr. Butler to the local community and offer him a heart felt invitation to become a frequent visitor to Houma-Terrebonne, and

WHEREAS, the Parish President and the Council were happy to receive the news that this statewide convention of the Lions Club will be held in Houma for the first time ever, and

WHEREAS, there is little doubt in the minds of anyone that the members of the local Lions Clubs will do everything possible to assure that the 2008 State Convention will be memorable for many years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of Parish President Michel Claudet and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that Mr. Mike Butler, Past International Director of the Lions Club International Foundation, be hereby declared an Honorary Houma-Terrebonne Cajun and that his contributions and friendships to the people of the Houma-Terrebonne community be hereby acknowledged and recorded in the records of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  L. Robichaux.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2008.

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The Chairman recognized Ms. Barbara Dupre, Houma Lions Club, who accepted the proclamation on behalf of Mr. Butler, explained two state projects the Lions Club participates in and offered their services to anyone who needs help. She invited everyone to attend a function this Saturday during the day to see what they do for the community.

OFFERED BY:  Ms. A. Williams.
SECONDED:  Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-180

WHEREAS, women over the age of fifty are the largest segment of the population at this time; and

WHEREAS, “Red Hat” ladies are those women who desire fun and friendship and who refuse to conform to the old-fashioned image of a woman over 50 who is often seen as mature woman
anticipating life in a rocking chair with a shawl over her shoulders, rocking the years away gracefully, or even worse, not seen at all; and

WHEREAS, “Red Hat” ladies can be easily spotted throughout the Parish as their quest for fun takes them to shops, restaurants, theaters and sites of public interest in “Full Regalia” consisting of a purple outfit with a red hat if the lady is 50 years of age or older, and lavender outfit with pink hat if the lady is under 50 years of age; and

WHEREAS, physicians are actually encouraging women in middle age to become “Red Hat” ladies as the benefits of social interaction, companionship, and engaging life with fun and vigor contribute so much to quality of life, proving that laughter has always been the best medicine; and

WHEREAS, we all have women in our lives who inspire us; mothers, sisters, grandmothers, aunts, girlfriends, or coworkers who give of themselves and who should be recognized and honored for their dedication, love, humor, and unselfishness, among many other important life values; and

WHEREAS, these women strive with endless desire to fulfill their duty to be there for others; husband, children, home, work, church business organizations, associations, and often struggle to find time for “self”; and

WHEREAS, the La Bonne Terre Red Hats Queen’s Council recently hosted the first statewide sister celebration in Houma, which encouraged Red Hat Members to aspire to whatever they wish.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Parish President and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that April 25, 2008 be hereby proclaimed as “Red Hat Society Day” in Terrebonne Parish.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  L. Robichaux.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2008.

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The Chairman recognized Ms. Linda Moore, Queen with one of the Red Hat Society Chapters in Houma, who stated that on April 11 & 12 a statewide celebration was held in Houma and over 800 ladies were brought from all over the state to celebrate. She thanked the Parish President and Council for helping declare of National Red Hat Day.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, it now being 6:38 p.m., the Council open public hearings.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS:  J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  L. Robichaux
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:
A. A proposed ordinance to authorize the acquisition of sites and/or servitudes required for the Country Drive Turn Lane Project, to authorize the Parish President to execute any and all documents necessary to acquire sites and/or servitudes for the said purposes, and to authorize the Parish Legal Staff to commence expropriation proceedings in the event the sites and/or servitudes cannot be obtained conventionally.

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

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS:  J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  L. Robichaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. P. Lambert.
SECONDED BY:  Ms. A. Williams.

ORDINANCE NO. 7445

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF SITES AND/OR SERVITUDES REQUIRED FOR THE COUNTRY DRIVE TURN LANE PROJECT, PARISH PROJECT NO. 08-LANE-09; AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE SITES AND/OR SERVITUDES FOR THE SAID PURPOSES; TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH LEGAL STAFF TO COMMENCE EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS IN THE EVENT THE SITES AND/OR SERVITUDES CANNOT BE OBTAINED CONVENTIONALLY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, in due, regular and legal sessions convened, that, as governing authority, the Council has determined that it is necessary, useful and in the public interest for roadway purposes to procure, by any legal means including expropriation, any and all property rights required for the Country Drive Turn Lane Project; that the Parish Administration is hereby authorized to acquire any and all servitudes that are required to facilitate construction and maintenance of the Country Drive Turn Lane Project, Parish Project No.08-LANE-09; that the Parish President, Michel H. Claudet, is hereby authorized and empowered for and on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government to execute documents necessary to acquire the sites and/or servitudes for the above stated purpose for consideration he deems just and reasonable, not to exceed the A fair market value, and that the Parish Legal Department is hereby authorized, at the direction of the Parish Administration, to institute expropriation and/or any other legal proceedings necessary to acquire the necessary sites and/or servitudes for the above mentioned purposes.

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: L. Robichaux.
The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2008.

The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

B. A proposed ordinance to amend the Parish Code relative to Mardi Gras Reviewing Stand Permit Fees

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

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. J. Pizzolatto and Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS: None
ABSENT: L. Robichaux
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Ms. A. Williams.
SECONDED BY: Mr. J. Pizzolatto.

ORDINANCE No. 7446

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II, “COMPREHENSIVE BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM,” OF CHAPTER 6, “BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES,” SECTION 108 “FEES” OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO LOWER THE PERMIT FEE FOR MARDI GRAS REVIEWING STANDS TO $50.00, AND ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO;

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, in regular session convened, acting pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, and pursuant to the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government, do hereby amend Article II, “Comprehensive Building Code Enforcement Program” of chapter 6, “Buildings and Structures,” Section 108 “Fees” of the Terrebonne Parish Code of Ordinance to lower the Permit Fee for Mardi Gras Reviewing Stands to $50.00.
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

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:  L. Robichaux.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2008.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

C. A proposed ordinance to amend the Parish Code to create a “No Wake Zone” in that portion of Price Bayou from the LUMCON Facility to the Conoco Plant (a distance of approximately 2,000 feet)

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

Mr. P. Lambert moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Lambert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  L. Robichaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. P. Lambert.
SECONDED BY:  Ms. A. Williams.

ORDINANCE NO.  7447

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PARISH CODE OF TERREBONNE PARISH BY ADDING TO CHAPTER 22: ROADS, BRIDGES, WATERCOURSES AND DRAINAGE, ARTICLE IX: BOATS AND WATERWAYS, AND TO ADD A SECTION UNDER THE SAID ARTICLE TO BE DESIGNATED AS SECTION 22-227: TO CREATE A “NO WAKE ZONE” IN THAT PORTION OF PRICE BAYOU FROM THE LUMCON FACILITY TO THE CONOCO PLANT (A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 2,000 FEET); TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF SAID SIGNS AND TO ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.
SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, regular session convened and on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Parish Code of Terrebonne Parish be amended by adding to Chapter 22: Roads, Bridges, Watercourses and Drainage Article IX: Boats and Waterways, Division 1: Generally, and by adding to the said Article a section to be designated as Section 22-227: To create a “No Wake Zone” in that portion of Price Bayou from the LUMCON facility to the Conoco Plant (a distance of approximately 2,000 feet), as follows:

CHAPTER 22: ROADS, BRIDGES, WATERWAYS AND DRAINAGE

ARTICLE IX: BOATS AND WATERWAYS

DIVISION I: GENERALLY

SECTION 22-227: NO WAKE (5 MPH) ZONES

A “No Wake Zone” in that portion of Price Bayou from the LUMCON facility to the Conoco Plant (a distance of approximately 2,000 feet), is hereby created and appropriate “No Wake Zone” signs shall be erected and maintained along said waterway to create and maintain said vessel control. Any marine vessel traveling in Price Bayou, in the above-mentioned location, shall respect the signs erected and maintained under the provisions of this section.

SECTION II

If any section, part, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this ordinance should be declared invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or defect shall not affect the remaining sections, paragraphs, parts, sentences or clauses hereof and, to this end, the several provisions hereof are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION III

Except as otherwise provided for herein, 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: L. Robichaux.
The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 23rd day of April, 2008.

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Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Council continue with the regular order of business.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS: None
ABSENT: L. Robichaux
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman called for Mr. James Dagate, District Attorney’s Office, who was listed on
the agenda to address the Council relative to the “open meetings seminar” to be held on May 13,
2008, but Mr. Dagate was not present.

Council Clerk P. Labat stated that the “open meetings seminar” will be held on May 13,
2008, but he is not sure where and the D.A.’s Office will send out letters to all boards and
commissions in Terrebonne Parish.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Reggie Bourg, Shrimper’s Row resident, who expressed
his concerns relative to the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District Director’s raise of
$1500.00 per month because he feel he is doing a poor job regarding levees. He specifically
expressed his concerns relative to a change order to add more dirt on lower Ward 7 Levee, which
he believes is about the 3rd time to add dirt because of subsidence. He questioned as to whether
the engineers for the levees be required to guarantee that the levees won’t subside.

Councilman J. Cehan told Mr. Bourg that in South Louisiana and there is subsidence on
our highways as well as our levees. He stated that Terrebonne Parish could not afford to build
an 8-foot guaranteed levee because of the local soil conditions.

The Chairman called for a report on the Public Services Committee meeting held on
4/21/08, whereupon the Committee Chairman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls public
hearings on 5/14/08, rendered the following:

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE
APRIL 21, 2008

The Chairman, Johnny Pizzolatto, called the Public Services Committee meeting to order at
5:32 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by A.
Tillman and the Pledge of Allegience led by L. Robichaux. Upon roll call, Committee Members
recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, J. Cehan, B. Hebert, P. Lambert, J. Pizzolatto, L.
Robichaux, A. Tillman, C. Voisin, and A. Williams. A quorum was declared present.

The Chairman recognized former Police Juror and Councilman Ray Boudreaux, Jr. who
was present in the audience.

OFFERED BY: Ms. A. Williams.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-181

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of four (4) each Gear Box Drive Assemblies with Mixer
Shafts for the Flocculation Tank at the North Wastewater Treatment Plant.

WHEREAS, a price quote was obtained by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for
the purchase of four (4) Gear Box Drive Assemblies with Mixer Shafts for the Flocculation Tank
at the North Terrebonne Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Sewer Treatment Division, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by Michael Ordogne, Pollution Control Administrator, and
Gregory Bush, Director of Public Works, it has been determined that the quote purchase price of
Ninety-seven Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars ($97,488.00) from J. H. Wright &
Associates for the purchase of four (4) Gear Box Drive Assemblies with Mixer Shafts for the
Flocculation Tank at the North Terrebonne Wastewater Treatment Plant should be accepted as per the attached documents and the under provisions set forth in the Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 39:1551 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are budgeted in the 2008 Budget under Account Number 311-434-8915-06 for the purchase of the aforementioned gear box assemblies with mixer shafts, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the aforementioned gear drives at a cost of Ninety-seven Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars ($97,488.00), as per the attached documents.

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 the purchase of the aforementioned gear box assemblies with mixer shafts be accepted as per the attached documentation.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 21st day of April, 2008.

OFFERED BY:  Ms. A. Williams.
SECONDED BY:  Ms. T. Cavalier.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-182

A Resolution awarding and authorizing the signing of the Construction Contract for the Bayou Terrebonne Bayouwalk Project, Phase I, Contract I, and identified as Parish Project No. 05-ECD-11, FPC Project No. 50-J55-04-01, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and authorizing the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government did receive construction bids on the Bayou Terrebonne Bayouwalk Project, Phase I, Contract I, and identified as Parish Project No. 05-ECD-11, FPC Project No. 50-J55-04-01, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the lowest and best bid was that submitted by Great Southern Dredging, Inc., with the Base Bid and Alternate No. 1 in the total amount of $1,590,500.00, and

WHEREAS, the Consultant Engineer for this project, the firm of GSE Associates, Inc., has recommended that the award of the contract for construction of this project be made to the firm of Great Southern Dredging, Inc.

WHEREAS, the award of the Base Bid and Alternate No. 1 be contingent upon concurrence of the Division of Administration, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, award the construction contract to Great Southern Dredging, Inc., in the overall amount of $1,590,500.00 contingent upon the concurrence of the Division of Administration, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign a construction contract for and on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government with Great Southern Dredging, Inc., upon receipt of the performance bond in the amount of the contract price, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of required certificates of insurance evidencing coverage as provided in the project specifications and upon execution and recordation of all contract documents, that the Engineer is hereby authorized to issue the Notice to Proceed to the Contractor to commence construction of the project.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 21st day of April, 2008.
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Project Engineer Arthur DeFraites explained that the information submitted to the Public Works Division with respect to the availability of local funding is incorrect and noted that the information presented in the letter is correct. He noted that there is less funding available locally, however, there is sufficient funding for the current contract although when the next contract (Phase II) is submitted, a review of the funding may be necessary.

OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED BY: Mr. L. Robichaux.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-183

A Resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to conduct a traffic study along the curve at Cougar Drive and Highway 182.

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Administration is concerned about the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Terrebonne Parish, and

WHEREAS, due to numerous fatalities over the years, including most recently, this curve has been determined to be a concern for all motorists traversing along Highway 182, and

WHEREAS, the Houma Police Department has conducted a preliminary traffic review of the curve.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development conduct a traffic study along the curve at Cougar Drive and Highway 182.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 21st day of April, 2008.
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OFFERED BY: Mr. L. Robichaux.
SECONDED BY: Ms. A. Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-184

A resolution authorizing the execution of Balancing Change Order No. 1 for the Construction Agreement for Parish Project No. 06-LANE-17; Major Turning Lane Improvements, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into a contract dated May 23, 2007, with Sealevel Construction, Inc., for the Major Turning Lane Improvements, Parish Project No. 06-LANE-17, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to balance contract quantities to actual ones installed, and

WHEREAS, this change order will decrease the contract by $57,088.70, and

WHEREAS, this Change Order No. 1 has been recommended by the ENGINEER for this project, T. Baker Smith, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby approve and authorize the execution by Terrebonne Parish President Michel Claudet of Balancing Change Order No. 1 to the construction agreement with Sealevel Construction, Inc., to adjust contract quantities to actual ones installed for a decrease of Fifty Seven Thousand Eighty Eight Dollars and Seventy Cents ($57,088.70) to the original contract amount, and

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 21st day of April, 2008.

OFFERED BY: Mr. L. Robichaux.
SECONDED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-185

A resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for the Construction Agreement for Parish Project No. 99-EXT-58, West Side Boulevard Extension, Phase A (Marie Drive to St. Louis Canal Road) Project, State project No. 742-55-0004, F.A.P. No. STP-3035 (002)M, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into a contract, with Byron E. Talbot Contractors, Inc., for the West Side Boulevard Extension, Phase A (Marie Drive to St. Louis Canal Road) Project, Parish Project No. 99-EXT-58, State project No. 742-55-0004, F.A.P. No. STP-3035 (002)M, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, this change order is necessary to add conflict manholes at the waterlines in three locations, and

WHEREAS, this change order will increase the contract by an amount of $4,815.00 for this
change in work, and

WHEREAS, this Change Order No. 1 has been recommended by the ENGINEER for this project, ECM Consultants, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby approve and authorize the execution of Change Order No. 1 by Terrebonne Parish President Michel Claudet, for the construction agreement with Byron E. Talbot Contractors, Inc., to perform construction services for project No. 99-EXT-58, State project No. 742-55-0004, F.A.P. No. STP-3035 (002)M, which increases the original contract amount by $4,815.00, for a total revised contract amount of $2,789,484.30, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Engineer, ECM Consultants, Inc.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 21st day of April, 2008.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. B. Hebert.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. C. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-186

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1 FOR WEST SIDE BOULEVARD EXTENSION (PHASE A) (MARIE DRIVE TO ST. LOUIS CANAL ROAD), PARISH PROJECT NO. 99-EXT-58, STATE PROJECT NO.742-55-0004 (CE&I), F.A.P. NO. STP-3035 (002)M

WHEREAS, the TPCG and ECM Consultants, Inc., entered into an Agreement dated September 17, 2007, for the West Side Boulevard Extension, Phase A (Marie Drive to St. Louis Canal Road) Project, and

WHEREAS, the TPCG and ECM Consultants, Inc., are desirous of amending this original Agreement to include additional construction inspection services to cover the duration of the construction project, and

WHEREAS, the original contract estimated the original construction period to be eighty-five (85) calendar days, and the final estimate package estimated to be thirty (30) calendar days, and

WHEREAS, the actual construction period is three hundred and sixty-five (365) calendar days and the final estimate package will be a total of sixty (60) calendar days, and

WHEREAS, this increase in time will increase the contract amount from an maximum compensation limitation of $67,581 to a maximum compensation limitation of $452,024, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby approve and authorize the execution by Terrebonne Parish President Michel Claudet of this Supplemental Agreement No. 1, for Parish Project No. 99-EXT-58, State Project No. 742-55-0004 (CE&I),
F.A.P. No. STP-3035(002)M for the West Side Boulevard Extension, Phase A (Marie Drive to St. Louis Canal Road).

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 21st day of April, 2008.

Mr. B. Hebert moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, “THAT, the Public Services Committee introduce an ordinance to remove several ‘3-Way Stop’ signs and replace them with ‘1-Way Stop’ signs at the following intersections: 1) Bristol and Alma Street, 2) Prevost Drive and Marie Street, 3) Chene Drive and Creole Drive, and 4) Eagle Drive and Creole Drive in Broadmoor Subdivision; and call a public hearing on said matter on May 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.” (MOTION ADOPTED AFTER BRIEF COMMENTS)

Committee Member B. Hebert noted that the aforementioned proposed ordinance removes reference to the removal of the “3-Way Stops” on Kenney Street.

**The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. B. Hebert.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Public Services Committee introduce an ordinance to repeal and re-enact the Storm Water Drainage and Detention Design Manual, and call a public hearing on said matter on May 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. L. Robichaux, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Public Services Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Johnny Pizzolatto, Chairman
Mr. J. Pizzolatto moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 4/21/08.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  L. Robichaux
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman called for a report on the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on 4/21/08, whereupon the Committee Chairman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls public hearings on 5/14/08, rendered the following:

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
APRIL 21, 2008

The Chairman, Billy Hebert, called the Budget & Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:48 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by A. Tillman and the Pledge of Allegiance led by P. Lambert. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, J. Cehan, B. Hebert, P. Lambert, J. Pizzolatto, L. Robichaux, A. Tillman, C. Voisin, and A. Williams. A quorum was declared present.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to amend the 2008 Parish Budget to provide funds to co-sponsor a pilot summer camp program in the City of Houma, through the ‘Kids Learn Summer Enrichment Program 2008’; to authorize the Parish President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with a sponsoring non-profit organization; and call a public hearing on said matter on May 14, 2008 at 6:30 p. m.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

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

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. J. Cehan, THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee amend the 2008 Adopted Parish Budget and the 5-Year Capital Outlay to reflect additional funding needed for the Head Start Center Classroom Project; accept Change Order No. 2 with M and H Builders for the Head Start Center Classroom Project, and call a public hearing on said matter on May 14, 2008 at 6:30 p. m.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER REQUEST)

Committee Member J. Pizzolatto requested that Administration schedule a meeting with the project architect so that he may review the plans for the aforementioned classrooms.

Committee Member B. Hebert requested to be included in said meeting.

**The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

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

OFFERED BY:  Mr. P. Lambert.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. J. Cehan.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-187

A Resolution awarding Bid No. 08-1/9-07 Purchase of Two Right Angle Gear Drives, Ratios 7:2 and 5:2 to Associated Pump and Supply Co., Inc. in the amount of Twenty One Thousand, Eight Dollars and Zero Cents ($21,008.00).

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government reserves the right to decrease/increase quantities at the same unit cost for a period of six (6) months, and,

WHEREAS, Gregory E. Bush, Public Works Director, Perry Blanchard, Public Works and Carl Ledet, Forced Drainage Supervisor have reviewed the bids received and recommends the bid of Associated Pump and Supply Co., Inc., as the lowest responsive bid, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance has certified compliance of this bid with procedural requirements of the bid documents and the availability of funding, and

WHEREAS, based upon these supporting recommendations, the Public Works Department/Drainage Division recommends the award of Bid No. 08-1/9-07 Purchase of Two Right Angle Gear Drives, Ratios 7:2 and 5:2 to Associated Pump and Supply Co., Inc., in the amount of Twenty One Thousand, Eight Dollars and Zero Cents ($21,008.00), and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, awards Bid #08-1/9-07 Purchase of Two Right Angle Gear Drives, Ratios 7:2 and 5:2 to Associated Pump and Supply Co., Inc., and that the Parish President and all other appropriate parties be, and they are hereby authorized to execute any and all contract documents associated therewith.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 21st day of April, 2008.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. L. Robichaux, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to amend the 2008 Parish Budget to recognize the receipt of the following revenues and related expenditures: Donation from Rehoboth Beach Main Street Program and the United States Marshal’s Service Asset Forfeiture Program; and call a public hearing on said matter on May 14, 2008 at 6:30 p. m.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

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

Mr. J. Pizzolatto moved, seconded by Mr. L. Robichaux, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to amend the Parish Compensation and Classification Plan to re-classify the Business Manager, Event Services Manager and Food and Beverage Manager from System ‘U’ (Appointed) to System ‘A’ (Salaried); to delete the position of Sales and Marketing Manager from System ‘U’; and to amend the 2008 Budgeted positions in the Civic Center Department; and call a public hearing on said matter on May 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.
SECONDED BY: Mr. J. Cehan.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-188

WHEREAS, bids were obtained by the Southern University and A & M College Purchasing Department for the purpose of purchasing one (1) new and unused Forklift (Bid Number 9979), and

WHEREAS, after careful review by John Daigle, Centralized Fleet Maintenance Superintendent, Tommy LeCompte, Superintendent of Electric Generation and Tom Bourg, Director of Utilities it has been determined that the total price of Twenty-three Thousand, Two Hundred Forty-one Dollars ($23,241.00) from M & L Industries, Inc. for the purchase of one (1) new and unused Nissan PF60 Forklift (Bid Number 9979) should be accepted as per the attached documents and the under provisions set forth in the Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 39:1701 et seq., and

WHEREAS, Donald Picou, Comptroller, has verified that funds are budgeted and available in the 2008 Account Number 303-802-8915-06 for the purchase of the aforementioned equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the aforementioned purchase at a total cost of Twenty-three Thousand, Two Hundred Forty-one Dollars ($23,241.00) 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 purchase of one (1) new and unused Nissan PF60 Forklift be accepted as per the attached documents.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 21st day of April, 2008.

OFFERED BY: Mr. J. Cehan.
SECONDED BY: Ms. A. Williams and Mr. L. Robichaux.
RESOLUTION NO. 08-189

WHEREAS, prices were obtained through the Louisiana State Commodity Catalog by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the purpose of purchasing one (1) Higher Ground Capture-911 Voice Recorder for the Houma Police Department under State Contract #406433, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by the Parish Administration it has been determined that the total price of Twenty-four Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-three Dollars and Ninety-one cents ($24,573.91) from EBS Voice Recording Solutions for the purchase of one (1) Higher Ground Capture-911 Voice Recorder should be accepted as per the State Contract Vehicle Catalog, and,

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are budgeted and available in the 2008 Account Number 204-211-8915-06 for the purchase of the aforementioned voice recorder, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the aforementioned voice recorder at a total cost of Twenty-four Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-three Dollars and Ninety-one Cents ($24,573.91) 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 voice recorder be accepted as per the attached forms.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 21st day of April, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-190

WHEREAS, prices were obtained through the Louisiana State Commodity Catalog by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the purpose of purchasing computers and computer related equipment for the Terrebonne Parish Engineering Department under State Contract #403834, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by Gregory Bush, Director of Public Works and Neal Prejean, Information Systems Manager, it has been determined that the total price of Thirty-nine Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-eight Dollars and Fifty-six Cents ($39,588.56) from Dell USA LP for the purchase of computers and computer related equipment should be accepted as per the State Purchasing Contract Catalog, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are available in the 2008 Account Number 151-302-8915-04 for the purchase of the aforementioned computers and computer related equipment equipment, and
WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the aforementioned computers and computer related equipment purchase at a total cost of Thirty-nine Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-eight Dollars and Fifty-six Cents ($39,588.56) 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 computers and computer related equipment be accepted as per the attached forms.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 21st day of April, 2008.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. L. Robichaux.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-191

WHEREAS, Article 7 Section 14C of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that “for a public purpose, the state and political subdivisions…may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other…” and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1324(3) provides that any parish or political subdivision of the state may make agreements between or among themselves to engage jointly in the acquisition or improvement of any public project or improvement, specifically including public drainage projects, provided that at least one of the participants to the agreement is authorized under a provision of law to perform such activity for completion of the undertaking; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 38:329 specifically authorizes the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District (DISTRICT) to enter into agreements of this nature; and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT and Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (PARISH) recognize the necessity of providing tidal flood protection and coastal restoration for the residents of Terrebonne Parish;

WHEREAS, the PARISH and the DISTRICT have overlapping constitutional and statutory authority with respect to providing said flood protection, drainage and coastal restoration; and

WHEREAS, the PARISH in addition to its concerted efforts, seeks the assistance and expertise of the DISTRICT relating to planning and funding for critical drainage and levee infrastructure improvements and coastal restoration efforts; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, authorizes the Parish President to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Terrebonne Parish Levee District for an amount not to exceed $18,000 per year.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  T. Cavalier.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 21st day of April, 2008.

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The Chairman recognized Mr. Reggie Bourg, Shrimpers Row resident, who expressed his opposition to the aforementioned resolution based upon his belief that the Ward 7 Levee Improvements are being done incorrectly.

Committee Member T. Cavalier voiced her opposition to the aforementioned resolution based on her opinion that the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government already has experienced staff personnel (Coastal Zone Management and Preservation Director Leslie Suazo and Capital Projects Manager Al Levron) to handle coastal and drainage lobbying issues within the Parish.

Parish President Michel Claudet explained the benefits of acquiring consultant services through the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District.

Committee Members J. Pizzolatto, J. Cehan, and P. Lambert expressed their support of the one-year Intergovernmental Agreement based upon the possible benefits of Terrebonne Parish receiving additional Federal funding.

Mr. J. Cehan moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman and Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Budget & Finance Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSENT:  None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Billy Hebert, Chairman

Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Mr. B. Hebert moved, seconded by Ms. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on 4/21/08.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  L. Robichaux
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, the Council approve the following street light list:
INSTALL 1 (ONE) 100 W HPS STREET LIGHT ON THE EXISTING POLE LOCATED AT THE END OF THE CLEARING ON THE BAYOUSIDE OF HIGHWAY 56 [JUST PAST THE INTERSECTION WITH WOODLAWN RANCH ROAD]. THE POLE IS DIRECTLY ACROSS THE BAYOU FROM A HOME WITH A BULKHEAD AND COVERED DECK ALONG THE BAYOU); ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 7; ENTERGY; JOEY CEHAN.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. A. Tillman.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS: None
ABSENT: L. Robichaux
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council approve attendance at the following meetings as per the current Council Travel Policy:
B) Chamber of Commerce Federal Officials’ Trip; Washington, D.C.; May 6-8, 2008
C) National League of Cities 85th Congress of Cities and Exposition; Orlando, Florida; November 11-15, 2008
D) Louisiana Police Jury Association Legislative Day; Baton Rouge; May 13, 2008.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS: None
ABSENT: L. Robichaux
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Council keep nominations open for the vacancy for the alternate member on the Board of (Zoning) Adjustments.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS: None
ABSENT: L. Robichaux
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. P. Lambert moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Council keep nominations open for the vacancy on the Coastal Zone Management and Restoration Advisory Committee, representing the commercial fishing industry.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Lambert.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS: None
ABSENT: L. Robichaux
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.
Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. T. Cavalier, “THAT, the Council hold nominations open for three weeks for the vacancy on the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission with the resignation of Mr. Brad Doyle.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  L. Robichaux
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. J. Pizzolatto moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council hold nominations for three weeks for the vacancy on the Recreation District No. 3 Board, with the resignation of Mr. Sonny Groom.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Pizzolatto.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  L. Robichaux
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. J. Pizzolatto moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Council re-appoint Ms. Rowena Marcel (Membership), Ms. Rose Goolsby (Membership), and Mr. Thomas Collins (Religious Community) to another term on the TARC Advisory Board.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Pizzolatto.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  L. Robichaux
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, the Council hold nominations open for the vacancy on the Hospital Service District No. 1 Board, BISCO representative.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. A. Tillman.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  L. Robichaux
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Councilman J. Pizzolatto stated that he would place on his next Public Services Committee agenda the discussion of Comcast’s Franchise Agreement with TPCG and their recent rate increase.

There were no announcements under agenda item 8A – Council Announcements.

Parish President M. Claudet announced a recent positive test on a chicken for West Nile Virus in the Pointe-aux-Chenes area and the Parish’s expanding protocol to increase mosquito spraying. He stated that no other positive cases have been reported in Terrebonne Parish. He
announced what measures are being considered to help alleviate traffic obstruction when the Industrial Boulevard Turn Lanes Project is begun. He also announced that the Parish is looking for clay and people who have property that has a good source of clay can contact either the Terrebonne Parish Levee Board or Mr. Al Levron with the Parish.

No action was necessary on agenda item 9A – Information List.

Public Works Director Lt. Col. (Ret.) Gregory Bush gave a power point presentation and explained the condition of all the drainage pump stations in the Gibson area. He explained the SCADA program.


Parish President M. Claudet who gave a status report on the following items his Administration is addressing:

- Report on the rest of the Parish Drainage Pumps before 6/1/08
- Report by the Office of Emergency Preparedness
- Changing of Street Signs as Federally Mandated
- Meetings with the Corps of Engineers Regarding Levees
- The Slow Process for the Non-Federal Levees in Dulac Area
- Marine Debris
- Evaluating How TPCG Departments Can Save Energy With High Gas & Oil Prices
- Communications Towers
- Dulac Levees and the Next Phase of the Ward 7 Levee
- TPCG Employees Needed
- La. Recovery Authority, the La. Land Trust
- Plans to Surplus the Old City Court Bldg. on Main St.
- Addressing Quality of Life Issues in the Parish in the Near Future

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman and Mr. J. Cehan, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin
NAYS: None
ABSENT: L. Robichaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.