The Chairman, Mr. C. Voisin, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room. Councilwoman C. Duplantis stated that former Council Member Thomas Callahan passed away yesterday and asked everyone to keep his family and friends in their prayers. Following the Invocation, led by Councilwoman C. Duplantis, Councilman H. Lapeyre led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilman R. Boudreaux read aloud a memorial for former Council Member L. Vernon Bourgeois, Sr., who recently passed away and presented the memorial to his son L. Vernon Bourgeois, Jr., who was present.

Mr. R. Boudreaux moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes and Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council approve the minutes of the Regular Council Session held on 7/9/03.”

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: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council approve the Parish Bill List dated 8/11/03.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: W. Thibodeaux

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. R. Boudreaux, “THAT, the Council approve the Parish Manual Check List for June 2003.”
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: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. D. Henry, “THAT, the Council allow an add-on to tonight’s agenda to address a commendation for an honor a Terrebonne Parish educator received”.

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: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-332

WHEREAS, Ms. Judy M. Gaspard is honored tonight for being one of five educators in the nation selected to participate and serve on the panel for the 56th Annual Conference of the United Nations to be held in September of 2003, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gaspard serves as an outstanding principal continuing to educate our youth by implementing “learning styles” as a strategy for enhancing opportunities for students to learn as exemplified by increased student attendance, decrease in student discipline referrals, and decrease in failure rates.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Parish President and the entire Terrebonne Parish consolidated Government, does hereby commend Ms. Judy M. Gaspard upon being selected for such a prestigious honor, and wishes her the very best in all future endeavors – we are privileged to have her educating the youth of this community.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 13\textsuperscript{th} day of August, 2003.

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The Chairman recognized Ms. Judy Gaspard, Principal of Grand Caillou Middle School, who thanked the Parish President and Council for the commendation and expressed what an honor it is to have been chosen to represent Terrebonne Parish.

The Chairman recognized Mrs. Linda Pettigrew, Terrebonne Parish Sheriff’s Office Grant Coordinator, who stated that the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff’s Office is applying for the Bureau of Justice 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. Mrs. Pettigrew stated that the award this year is in the amount of $83,579.00 and two-way radios for the Ashland Jail, training equipment for the Police Academy, and five all-terrain vehicles for disaster relief on each of the five bayous will be purchased. Mrs. Pettigrew stated that the remaining funds would be used for officer training schools. Upon questioning by Councilman D. Henry, Mrs. Pettigrew stated that an Advisory Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 20 in the Parish Council’s Conference Room on the 6\textsuperscript{th} floor of the Government Towers.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Reggie Bourg, Shrimper’s Row resident, who was continuing his presentation from the Council Meeting of 7/23/03 regarding the 3-1C Drainage System on Shrimper’s Row.

Upon questioning by Mr. Reggie Bourg, Parish Manager A. Levron stated that to the best of his knowledge, the 3-1C Drainage System predates Corps of Engineer requirements.

Mr. Reggie Bourg stated that it is his belief that, if no Corps of Engineers’ permits have been issued for the 3-1C Drainage System, it is an un-authorized project. Mr. Bourg also expressed his concerns relative to the response he received from the Terrebonne Parish’s Custodian of Records regarding his request for public records. Mr. Bourg further expressed his concerns relative to the action recently taken by TPCG to elevate the levee and install culverts with slide gates on them possibly not correcting the problem with the drainage system.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux, “THAT, the Council extend Mr. Reggie Bourg’s 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:


NAYS:  None

ABSTAINING:  None

ABSENT:  None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. Reggie Bourg requested that an investigation be done to determine how and why situations such as the 3-1C Drainage System continue. Mr. Bourg stated that the drainage system is pumping private landowners property. Mr. Bourg stated that if the project could be authorized that additional pumps be added. Mr. Bourg expressed his concerns relative to not being able to locate any administrative orders for re-building the levee or any authorization to perform work or expenses, no specifications for the work done, no detailed drawings, or a contract on the engineer.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded Unanimously, “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. D. Henry.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

A. A condemnation hearing on property located at 110 Samuel Street.

There was no representative of the property located at 110 Samuel Street present.

Mr. A. Tillman, seconded by Mr. D. Henry, “THAT, the Council continue the condemnation hearing on property located at 110 Samuel Street for a period of at least thirty days (Special Session Condemnation Hearings on 9/22/03 at 6:00 p.m.).”

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: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

B. A proposed ordinance that will amend the 2003 Budgets to provide additional funding for the Concord Road Drainage Improvements Project

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

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. D. Henry and Mr. J. B. Breaux, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.” *(MOTION VOTED ON AFTER DISCUSSION.)*

Councilman H. Lapeyre stated that the reason to allocate the additional funding for the Concord Road Drainage Improvements Project is to develop a professional engineered solution to the various drainage problems that exist in the Lamar/Barrios area.

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None
ORDINANCE NO. 6777

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2003 ADOPTED BUDGET AND THE 5-YEAR CAPITAL OUTLAY OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CONCORD ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, Concord Road Drainage Improvements has an estimated cost in excess of $1,000,000, and

WHEREAS, the Valhi to Hollywood Road Improvements Project has $400,000 available and 2-1A Schriever Drainage Improvements has $300,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2003 Adopted Budget and 5-Year Capital Outlay of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended as follows:

FUND 655 – PARISHWIDE DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION FUND

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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:  W. Thibodeaux.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 13th day of August, 2003.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

C. A proposed ordinance that will amend the 2003 Budget to adjust the 2003 Adopted Beginning Fund Balances and Retained Earnings to actual, as per the 2002 Audit.

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

Mr. R. Boudreaux moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes and Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

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:  None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6778


SECTION I

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department estimates the beginning fund balances and retained earnings of the next year for the adopted budget prior to the end of the current year, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department completes the Audited Comprehensive Financial Statements no later than June 30th of each year for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, adopts the actual beginning fund balances and retained earnings of 2003 as per the audited Comprehensive Financial Statements.
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SECTION II

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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: None.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 13th day of August, 2003.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

D. A proposed ordinance that will declare certain items from the Drainage Division as surplus property and provide for the disposal of same

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

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “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: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6779

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE CERTAIN ITEMS FROM THE DRAINAGE 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 ANY OTHER LEGALLY APPROVED METHOD.

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” as surplus and authorizes the Parish President to dispose of said items by public bid, negotiated sale, junked or 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:  None.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 13th day of August, 2003.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

E. A proposed ordinance that will accept Southern Estates Subdivision, Addendum No. 1 into the Parish Maintenance System, and will incorporate the extension of Sugar Plum Street, the extension of Sugar Land Street, Sugar Brook Street, and Sugar Bend Street into the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System.

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

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. J. B. Breaux and Mr. R. Boudreaux, “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:  None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6780

AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING AND ACCEPTING THE MAINTENANCE/OPERATION OF THE SEWER, DRAINAGE, SERVITUDES, UTILITIES, GAS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR “SOUTHERN ESTATES SUBDIVISION ADDENDUM NO. 1”; TO INCORPORATE THE EXTENSION OF “SUGAR PLUM STREET”, THE EXTENSION OF “SUGAR LAND STREET”, “SUGAR BROOK STREET”, AND “SUGAR BEND STREET” 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 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 sewer, drainage, servitudes, utilities, gas, rights-of-way as depicted on a plat, prepared March 14, 2003 by Milford & Associates, Inc. titled “Southern Estates Subdivision Addendum No. 1”, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED effective on the 20th day of August, 2003, that the Extension of “Sugar Plum Street”, the Extension of “Sugar Land Street”, “Sugar Brook Street”, and “Sugar Bend Street” 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 or other portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, the provisions of this section hereby being declared to be severable.

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:  None.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 13th day of August, 2003.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

F. A proposed ordinance that will create the governing body for Fire Protection District No. 5 (Bourg area).

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

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

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: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. D. Henry.
SECONDED BY: Mr. R. Boudreaux, Jr.

ORDINANCE NO. 6781

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 11 SECTION 8-22(C)
OF THE PARISH CODE TO PROVIDE FOR A BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE AS GOVERNING AUTHORITY FOR FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT 5.

WHEREAS Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1495 grants the Terrebonne Parish Council the
authority to serve as the governing body of a created Fire Protection District or to appoint a
Board of Commissioners to serve as the governing body for the district;

WHEREAS the Council wishes to provide for a Board of Commissioners to serve as the
governing body for the Fire Protection District Number 5;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated
Government that:

SECTION I

Chapter 8. FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION, Article 11. Fire Protection
Districts, Section 8-22(C) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 8-22. Powers, governing bodies.

(a) The fire protection districts shall constitute public corporations and political
subdivisions of the state and shall have all rights, powers and privileges granted
and conferred by the constitution and statutes of the state to such corporations,
including the authority to incur debts, to issue bonds and to levy taxes.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Parish Council shall be the
governing authority for the fire protection districts

(c) The governing authority for Fire Protection Districts No. 4A, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7,
No. 8, No. 9 and No. 10 shall be a board of commissioners to be created for each such fire
protection district, such board to be created, administered and governed by the provisions of R.S.
40:1491 et seq, applicable provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 40, Chapter Seven,
Part 1, Fire Protection Districts, LARS 40:1491 through LARS 40:1509, as may be amended
or supplemented by state law.

SECTION II

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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.

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: None.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 13th day of August, 2003.

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

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: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Chairman C. Voisin responded to a request made by Mr. Reggie Bourg regarding the 3-1C Drainage System to have an investigation performed. Mr. Voisin stated that the Council is not in the position to have staff perform investigative work, but the District Attorney’s Office is the entity to contact for such a request.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Blaize LeCompte, TPCG Forced Drainage Superintendent, who stated that the 3-1C Drainage System Mr. Bourg spoke about dates back some twenty-seven years ago and some documentation dates back to the 1940’s. Mr. LeCompte stated that the system was in place prior to permits being required for those types of systems. Mr. LeCompte explained that the system was put in place with the landowner agreeing to allow a levee to be built to protect the residents in front, and stipulating that they would like to be kept into the system by installing screw gates to protect the residents when needed and opened to let their property to be drained into the system after any peril was over with. Mr. LeCompte stated that water does not take long to ferment and that causes odor problems. Mr. LeCompte stated that he has looked into possibly having the water pumped out in a different direction, but it would require larger pumps and an additional study would have to be done to determine how to re-direct water to the pumps.

Chairman C. Voisin stated that in response to Mr. Bourg’s comments regarding the 3-1C Drainage pumping private property, all drainage systems in the Parish pump private property to protect residents from flooding. (NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS MATTER)

The Chairman recognized Ms. Carolyn McNabb, Parish Attorney, who stated that the Council received a request to consider an appeal of action taken by the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission at their last meeting to postpone a decision for thirty days on the application of Bimini Bay Development for site approval. Ms. McNabb stated that the Terrebonne Parish Code regarding appeals on Planning Commission decisions do not envision an appeal for a motion to postpone a decision. Mr. McNabb stated that State Law allows the Planning Commission sixty days to give a decision on an application and as long as the thirty-day period expires within the sixty days, there is no right to an appeal.

Upon questioning by Councilman P. Rhodes, Parish Attorney C. McNabb stated that the sixty-day period allowed to render a decision begins after a hearing is heard on the application.
The Chairman recognized Mr. Pat Gordon, Planning & Zoning Director, who explained that there was an application made to the Planning Commission to divide the property owned by Bimini Bay for Raw Land purposes only, but the moratorium on development was in place at that time. Mr. Gordon stated that once the moratorium was lifted, an application was made to divide Tract A into Tract A-1 and Tract A-2 for minor subdivision approval, and at that meeting the decision to table the matter for thirty days was made.

Councilman H. Lapeyre requested the Council to respect the advice of the Parish’s Legal Department that the request for an appeal is not applicable and that the decision of the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission be upheld.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Cade Evans, attorney representing Mr. Joe Vedros and Bimini Bay Land Trust, who explained that the thirty-day extension was unnecessary and it was implored to let the application process to go forward. Mr. Evans explained that once the moratorium was lifted, an application was placed before the Planning Commission and a Council Member who was present at the meeting requested that there be a delay in a decision, in effect extending the moratorium. Mr. Evans requested the Council to give the Planning Commission guidance to allow Bimini Bay to present their application at the Planning Commission’s next meeting on 8/21/03.

Councilman H. Lapeyre explained his reason for requesting the Planning Commission to delay action on the proposed development by Bimini Bay is to allow a reasonable and prudent analysis be made of the recommendations made by GSE, Inc. Mr. Lapeyre stated that the Planning Commission did not have time to assess and evaluate those recommendations. Mr. Lapeyre expressed his concerns relative to the need to proceed with the matter in a very cautious and professional manner due to the very complicated and intense drainage problems.

Upon questioning by Councilman A. Tillman, Ms. McNabb stated that Section 24-9 of the Terrebonne Parish Code sets out the appeals process, which is available to applicants to appeal approval or denial decisions by the Planning Commission. Ms. McNabb stated that the action by the Planning Commission was to postpone a decision for thirty days and the Planning Commission is given sixty days, by law, to make a decision. Ms. McNabb stated that if the Planning Commission does not render a decision within the sixty days then the application is automatically approved. Upon further questioning by Mr. Tillman, Ms. McNabb stated that in all the sections of the code pertaining to this particular issue it is clear to her that a decision means approval or denial of the application.

Councilman R. Boudreaux stated that the Council appoints members to the Planning Commission, which is an autonomous board, and it is up the Planning Commission to make a decision on the application that has been placed before them by Bimini Bay.

Upon questioning by Councilman J. B. Breaux, Ms. McNabb stated that he was correct in that since acceptance or denial of a subdivision has not yet been rendered as of yet, the Council should not act upon the matter until that time.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Cade Evans, attorney representing Mr. Joe Vedros and Bimini Bay who stated he understands the Council’s position in not wanting to get involved with the decision at this point, but a Council Member requested the Planning Commission to delay the matter for a period of thirty days.

Chairman C. Voisin stated that the appeal of the thirty-day postponement on the application presented by Bimini Bay should be made to the Planning Commission instead of the Council at this point.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Alex Ostheimer, Planning Commission Member, who explained the reason for the Planning Commission’s decision to postpone action on the application was due to the lack of all the required information on the proposed development.

A discussion ensued relative to the request of the attorney representing Mr. Joe Vedros and Bimini Bay to appeal the decision made by the Planning Commission to delay action on the application for minor subdivision approval.
Chairman C. Voisin stated that he had just been advised that Mr. Cade Evans, attorney representing Mr. Joe Vedros and Bimini Bay had just withdrawn his appeal from the Council on the Planning Commission’s decision at this time.

Upon questioning by Councilman P. Rhodes, Mr. Cade Evans stated that at the time Bimini Bay’s application was made his clients were not aware they were lacking in providing specific information, but have been since informed by the Parish Engineer of items needed. Mr. Evans stated there is not a problem with delaying the approval/denial at that meeting, but it could be addressed at their next meeting on 8/21/03.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Julius Hebert, attorney representing Barrios Neighborhood Civic Association, Inc., who expressed his concerns for not allowing the Association and adjacent residents time to study and evaluate the proposed project. Mr. Hebert suggested that the engineer who performed the drainage study be present at the Planning Commission meeting to answer questions prior to the application being decided upon. Mr. Hebert stated that there are also other issues that need to be addressed prior to a decision being made. (NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS MATTER)

The Chairman recognized Mr. Floyd Bergeron, Kelley Drive resident, who expressed his concerns relative to funds expended by the Bayou Cane Volunteer Fire Department and a proposal for a 20-mill tax proposition.

Councilman R. Boudreaux stated that the Bayou Cane Volunteer Fire Department is an autonomous board appointed by the Council and unless there is any wrongdoing, the Council has no jurisdiction. Mr. Boudreaux stated that the only thing the Council was asked was to place the matter on the ballot so the voters of Bayou Cane would have the opportunity to approve it or not.

Mr. Floyd Bergeron expressed his concerns relative to the Bayou Cane Volunteer Fire Company being cited by the Legislative Auditor and a fine having to be paid.

Parish President R. Bergeron responded to a comment made by Mr. Floyd Bergeron regarding the Parish’s Budget increasing by stating that this is an indication of growth in Terrebonne Parish and increased efforts to obtain federal grants and we should be proud of that.

The Chairman called for a report on the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on 8/11/03, whereupon the Committee Chairman, noting ratification of the minutes calls public hearings on 8/27/03 and 9/10/03, rendered the following:

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**AUGUST 11, 2003**

The Chairman, Daniel D. Henry, Sr., 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. Voisin 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, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin. A quorum was declared present.

OFFERED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.
SECONDED BY: Mr. W. Thibodeaux.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-333

A resolution awarding Purchase of Thirty-Two (32) New/Unused SCBA’S with Masks and Twenty-Eight (28) New/Unused Additional Masks and Smoke Eaters to Porche Fire Equipment, Inc. in the amount of Eighty-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Zero Cents ($85,944.00).

WHEREAS, Mike Adams, Volunteer Fire Chief, and the Fire District #8 Board have reviewed the bids received and recommends the bid of Porche Fire Equipment, Inc. 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 Fire District #8 Board, recommends the award of the Purchase of Thirty-Two (32) New/Unused SCBA’S with Masks and Twenty-Eight (28) New/Unused Additional Masks and Smoke Eaters in the amount of Eighty-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Zero Cents ($85,944.00).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, 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 11th day of August, 2003.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-334

WHEREAS, prices were obtained through the Louisiana State Commodity Catalog by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the purpose of purchasing two (2) new ¾ Ton Pick-Up Trucks (2003 Dodge Ram 2500ST, HD Crew Cab, 4WD, Model #DR7L42/26A) for Terrebonne Parish Fire District #8 under State Contract #405215, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by the Terrebonne Parish Fire District #8 Advisory Board it has been determined that the total price of Fifty-Three Thousand, One Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents ($53,159.74) from Southland Dodge Chrysler Plymouth, Inc. for the purchase of two (2) new ¾ Ton Pick-Up Trucks (2003 Dodge Ram 2500ST, HD Crew Cab, 4WD Model #DR7L42/26A) should be accepted as per the State Contract Vehicle Catalog and the 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 Budget 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 Fifty-Three Thousand, One Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents ($53,159.74) 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.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 11th day of August, 2003.

Purchasing Manager Angela Guidry explained that Item No. 1A (Bid for thirty-two SCBA’s and twenty-eight masks and smoke eaters) was bid publicly, and noted that out of six bid packets sent to vendors, there were only three responses received. She continued that Item No. 1B (Bid for the purchase of two new ½-ton pick-up trucks) was obtained via State Contract.

OFFERED BY: Mr. W. Thibodeaux.
SECONDED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-335

A resolution concurring with the Fire Protection District No. 8 Board and authorizing the sale of a surplus Ford/EVI Walk-in Rescue Unit.

WHEREAS, the Fire Protection District No. 8 Board unanimously recommended that a Ford/EVI Walk-in Rescue Unit was no longer needed by said fire district and declared such as surplus property, effective August 14, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, the Fire District Board negotiated the sale of said unit to the Bayou L’Ourse Volunteer Fire Company for the price of $10,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council has no objection to the sale of the unit and concurs with the recommendation of the Fire District Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget & Finance Committee), on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Fire District No. 8 Board to surplus a Ford/EVI Walk-in Rescue Unit and to sell said unit to the Bayou L’Ourse Volunteer Fire Company for $10,000.00 be hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Legal Department be directed to draft the appropriate Intergovernmental Agreement (or Bill of Sale) to accomplish the above transaction and that the Parish President and/or other appropriate persons be authorized to sign said agreement upon completion by the Legal Department.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 11th day of August, 2003.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Peter Rhodes and seconded by Mr. Clayton Voisin:

RESOLUTION 03-336
A resolution approving the holding of an election in Recreation District No. 7 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 15, 2003, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Recreation District No. 7 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Recreation District No. 7 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on May 21, 2003, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, November 15, 2003, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Recreation District No. 7 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, November 15, 2003, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

MILLAGE PROPOSITION

SUMMARY: 10-YEAR 9.50 MILLS TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, MAINTAINING AND OPERATING RECREATION FACILITIES FOR SAID DISTRICT, INCLUDING THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT.

Shall Recreation District No. 7 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a nine and one-half (9.50) mills tax on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2004 and ending with the year 2013, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating recreation facilities for said District, including the purchase of equipment therefor?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.
This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:


NAYS: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

And the resolution was declared adopted by the Budget and Finance Committee on August 11, 2003, and ratified by the Assembled Council in Regular Session on this, the 13th day of August, 2003.

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Committee Member P. Rhodes explained that the aforementioned millage increase request is to provide additional funding for improvements for Recreation District No. 7 that includes sewerage treatment plants, fencing, and tennis court renovations.

Mr. J. B. Breaux moved, seconded by Miss C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to amend the 2003 Budgets to provide funds for an irrigation system at the Folklife Cultural Museum, a decrease of the estimated 2003 State Hotel/Motel Tax – Revenue Sharing, fund the Development Analysis for the Children’s Discovery Center and distribute the brick sales to the Park and Brick Project, and call a public hearing on said matter on August 27, 2003 at 6:30 p. m.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION)

Comptroller Jamie Elfert explained that on an annual basis, Administration allocates interest earned from funding set aside for projects undertaken or being considered by the Houma Downtown Development Corporation. Mrs. Elfert continued that at a previous meeting of the corporation, the Houma Downtown Development Corporation Board approved and recommended the aforementioned projects, and now the funding is being returned to the corporation. She noted that the corporation has experienced a decrease in the amount of hotel/motel tax revenue, and the amount has been adjusted by the interest earned.

**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: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded unanimously, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to establish fees for City Court (increase from $10.00 to $15.00) and call a public hearing on said matter on September 10, 2003 at 6:30 p. m.”

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: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Dan Toepfer of the firm of Bourgeois Bennett, LLC who presented Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government’s 2002 Financial and Compliance Audit. Mr. Toepfer noted that there were no questioned costs or findings as a result of the Federal Programs, but stated that there were some findings on insignificant items that have been given to the Comptroller for consideration by Administration. He continued that the large financial book contains all accounts, funds, and component unit statements; and added that the smaller book is the Compliance Audit of the Federal Programs, which did not have any findings, or questioned costs. Mr. Toepfer also presented an analysis of the General Fund.

Mr. J. B. Breaux moved, seconded by Mr. R. Boudreaux, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee accept the 2002 Financial Audit and Compliance Report as presented by Bourgeois Bennett, LLC.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Several committee members complimented Bourgeois Bennett, LLC and the Finance Department on a job well done.

Upon questioning, Mr. Toepfer noted areas of concern relative to the Public Safety Fund and the Sanitation Fund placing a strain on the General Fund. He added that the General Fund is pressured by financial uncertainties, i.e., health insurance, etc.

**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: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-337

A resolution rejecting all bids and authorizing a re-bid for Bid No. 03-1/9-29, Purchase of Four (4) 8” Mobile Pumps.

WHEREAS, Blaise LeCompte, Forced Drainage Superintendent, Perry Blanchard, Public Works Operations Manager, and the Legal Department have reviewed the bids received and recommends the rejection of all bids submitted, and

WHEREAS, based upon these supporting recommendations, the Drainage Department recommends the rejection of Bid No. 03-1/9-29, Purchase of Four (4) 8” Mobile Pumps, and

WHEREAS, Parish Administration now wishes to reject all bids and authorize a re-bid for Bid No. 03-1/9-29, Purchase of Four (4) 8” Mobile Pumps.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that 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 all bids received be rejected and authorization be given for a re-bid.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 11th day of August, 2003.

Committee Member J. B. Breaux expressed his disappointment in the aforementioned items being re-bid and emphasized the necessity for the equipment.

Committee Member W. Thibodeaux requested that Administration provide additional back-up information relative to bid deficiencies that result in bids being rejected.

Upon questioning, Purchasing Manager Angela Guidry explained that a pre-bid conference was held on the aforementioned items, and noted that the commercial terms and the technical specifications are reviewed line-by-line for clarification. Mrs. Guidry added that an addendum, if necessary, is issued at the close of a pre-bid conference.

Parish President Robert Bergeron stated that Administration makes an attempt to purchase equipment at the most equitable price available provided that the specifications are adhered to.

Mrs. Guidry interjected that Administration intends to begin imaging all bid files and they will become available for review 72-hours after the bid conference.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-338

A resolution awarding Bid No. 03-1/9-35 Purchase of One New & Unused 28 X 56 Manufactured Home to Ruby Slippers Homes, Inc. in the amount of FORTY THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($43,100.00).

WHEREAS, Darrel Waire, H & H Services Director, Kellie Cunningham, CDBG Administrator, have reviewed the bids received and recommends the bid of Ruby Slippers Homes, 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 Housing & Human Services Department recommends the award of Bid No. 03-1/9-35 Purchase of One New & Unused 28 X 56 Manufactured Home to Ruby Slippers Home, Inc. in the amount of FORTY THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($43,100.00).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, awards Bid #03-1/9-35 Purchase of One New & Unused 28 x 56 Manufactured Home to Ruby Slippers Homes, Inc., in the amount of $43,100.00, 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 11th day of August, 2003.

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Upon questioning relative to the selection of a local vendor, Purchasing Manager Angela Guidry noted that two new vendors, Gulf South Homes and Above Homes, participated in the recent bid process. Mrs. Guidry continued that the bid request was posted on the Parish’s website, published in the local journal, and sent to all vendors listed on the Parish’s vendor list.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-339

A resolution awarding Bid No. 03-1/9-32 Purchase of One New & Unused 28 X 56 Manufactured Home to Ruby Slippers Homes, Inc. in the amount of Forty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents ($43,700.00).

WHEREAS, Darrel Waire, H & H Services Director, and Kellie Cunningham, CDBG Administrator, have reviewed the bids received and recommends the bid of Ruby Slippers Homes, 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 Housing & Human Services Department recommends the award of Bid No. 03-1/9-32 Purchase of One New & Unused 28 x 56 Manufactured Home to Ruby Slippers Home, Inc. in the amount of Forty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents ($43,700.00).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, awards Bid #03-1/9-32 Purchase of One New & Unused 28 X 56 Manufactured Home to Ruby Slippers Homes, Inc. in the amount of $43,700.00, 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 11th day of August, 2003.
Housing & Human Services Director Darryl Waire stated that the $600.00 price difference between the two mobile home purchases is due to one of the mobile homes having a handicap accessible bathroom.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-340

WHEREAS, prices were obtained through the Louisiana State Commodity Catalog by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the purpose of purchasing two (2) new Ford F-250 XL, Regular Cab, 2-Wheel Drive Pickup Trucks (Model #F20/600A) for the Sewer Treatment Department under State Contract #405214, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by David Tyler, Sewer Collection Superintendent, and Tom Bourg, Utilities Director, it has been determined that the total price of Thirty-two Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-five Dollars and Seventy-five Cents ($32,445.75) from Terrebonne Motor Company, Inc. for the purchase of two (2) new Ford F-250 XL, Regular Cab, 2-Wheel Drive Pickup Trucks 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 311-434-8914-01 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 Thirty-two Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-five Dollars and Seventy-five Cents ($32,445.75) for two (2) new Ford F-250 XL, Regular Cab, 2-Wheel Drive Pickup Trucks as per the 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: W. Thibodeaux.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 11th day of August, 2003.

Purchasing Manager Angela Guidry stated that the Pollution Control Division overlooked the purchase of a vehicle that was previously approved in its capital outlay request.

Upon questioning, Parish Manager Al Levron stated that, oftentimes, Pollution Control delays replacement of equipment.

Mr. R. Boudreaux moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “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. R. Boudreaux.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Daniel D. Henry, Sr., Chairman

Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded Unanimously, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on 8/11/03.”

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: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman called for a report on the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting held on 8/11/03, whereupon the Committee Chairman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls public hearings on 8/27/03 and 9/10/03, rendered the following:

POLICY, PROCEDURE, & LEGAL COMMITTEE

AUGUST 11, 2003

The Chairman, Ray Boudreaux, called the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by D. Henry and the Pledge of Allegiance led by D. Henry. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: R. Boudreaux, J. B. Breaux, C. Duplantis, D. Henry, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin. A quorum was declared present.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee add on to the agenda the matters relative to executing a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Teche Action Board, Inc., and introducing an ordinance to change the boundaries of the Village East Fire Protection District, Recreation District No. 3A, Recreation District No. 11, and the Houma City Fire Protection District.”

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: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Committee Member D. Henry and other members of the committee wished Parish President Robert Bergeron a Happy Birthday.

The Chairman recognized Teche Action Board, Inc. Human Resources Director/Operations Assistance and Teche Action Clinic Site Acting Director Rebecca Guidry who stated that the clinic provides primary and preventative medical health care services to medically underserved persons. She continued that the clinic’s staff consists of one internist and one family nurse practitioner that provide services for as low as $10.00. Ms. Guidry continued that the clinic also provides vaccines for children, a weight program, Medicaid applications, lab services, adult medication, kid-med services, and noted that pharmacy services will be provided when the expansion site is opened. She added that patient medication assistance programs would be offered to persons who cannot afford their medications. Upon questioning, Ms. Guidry stated that the clinic has a memorandum of understanding with Chabert Medical Center to assist with some of the services.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-341

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO ENTER A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT AND TECHE ACTION BOARD, INC. FOR CERTAIN IN-KIND PARKING AREA MATERIALS FOR THE TECHE ACTION CLINIC

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

WHEREAS, the mission of the Teche Action Board is to promote and to provide access as a primary health care provider to indigent citizens in the Dulac area; and

WHEREAS, TECHE is opened to the public providing health care to the uninsured who pay according to a sliding fee scale established in accordance with the federal poverty guidelines; and

WHEREAS, TPCG recognizes its authority to provide assistance and public funds to the indigent in Terrebonne Parish; and

WHEREAS, TPCG believes that participating in the maintenance of the TECHE parking facility by providing up to EIGHTEEN THOUSAND ($18,000.00) DOLLARS in limestone and sand will benefit the ability of the TECHE to serve the indigent in Terrebonne Parish; and

WHEREAS, TPCG and TECHE believe they can substantially benefit the health, safety, and welfare of the indigent in Terrebonne Parish by entering into a cooperative endeavor with each other; and

WHEREAS, TPCG finds that providing in-kind parking area materials for the terms of this cooperative endeavor will serve a public purpose and have a public benefit commensurate with the cost; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Policy, Procedure and Legal Committee), on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Parish President Robert J. Bergeron is hereby authorized to negotiate and to execute all
documents necessary to effect a viable Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between TPCG and Teche Action Board, Inc. containing substantially the same terms as those set out above.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 11th day of August, 2003.

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Upon additional questioning, Ms. Guidry stated that the clinic will be located in Ashland North, and will service all bayou areas. She explained that persons with or without insurance can receive medical treatment at the clinic, and noted that the clinic operates from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. J. B. Breaux, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee introduce an ordinance to amend and change the boundaries of Village East Fire Protection District and the Terrebonne Parish Recreation District No. 3A to exclude Roberta Grove Subdivision, and to change the boundaries of the Recreation District No. 11 and the Houma City Fire Protection District to include the Roberta Grove Subdivision, and call a public hearing on said matter on August 27, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Miss C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee return the regular order of business as per the written agenda.”

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:  None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.
Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. J. B. Breaux, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee introduce an ordinance that will amend the Parish Code to re-designate the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and call a public hearing on said matter on September 10, 2003 at 6:30 p. m.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Committee Member W. Thibodeaux requested that Administration determine the status of applying for a Citizen’s Court Council Grant for Terrebonne Parish.

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.

OFFERED BY: Mr. D. Henry.
SECONDED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-342

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO ENTER A CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT (“TPCG”) AND PALMER & CAY CONSULTING GROUP (“CONSULTANT”),

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

WHEREAS, TPCG is authorized to provide employee benefits and insurance through its Department of Risk Management and Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government will be accepting insurance proposals for the year 2004 for coverage including Employee Benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government would like to recommend the services of Professional Consultants to analyze and exercise procedures and submit recommendations regarding the insurance proposal process for the year 2004; and

WHEREAS, such services would begin in August, 2003 and end on January 31, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Risk Management and Human Resources interviewed several qualified independent consultants that were recommended by local businesses; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Administration that the following Professional Consultant be appointed as the 2004 Employee Benefits Consultant: Palmer & Cay Consulting Group, 201 St. Charles Ave., Ste 2401, New Orleans, LA 70170-2401 in the amount of $22,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the fees payable to Palmer and Cay Consulting Group to serve as Employee Benefits Consultant shall not exceed TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 ($22,500.00) DOLLARS;
WHEREAS, TPCG has determined that the terms of this cooperative endeavor will serve a public purpose and have a public benefit commensurate with the cost.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Policy, Procedure and Legal Committee), on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that the Parish President Robert J. Bergeron is hereby authorized to negotiate and to execute all documents necessary to effect a viable Contract for Consulting Services between TPCG and Palmer & Cay Consulting Group containing substantially the same terms as those set out above.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 11th day of August, 2003.

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Upon questioning, Risk Management Manager Janell Brierly informed the committee that Administration is in the process of receiving requests for proposal for employee benefits and insurance for the year 2004, and noted that the aforementioned consultant will provide an analytical review of the proposals only. Ms. Brierly continued that Palmer & Cay Consulting Group has been in business since 1950 and provides consulting services throughout the country. She explained that a scope of services was presented to potential consultants, who in turn, submitted monthly fees for services over a six-month period. Upon additional questioning, Ms. Brierly noted that two separate contracts have been submitted one for Palmer & Cay Consulting Group of Dallas, Texas for an analysis of property and casualty insurance, and the other for Palmer & Cay Consulting Group of New Orleans for an analysis of employee benefits and insurance. She noted that e-mails were sent to all existing brokers for services, and added that other consulting firms were considered.

Discussion ensued relative obtaining consulting services to analyze insurance benefits.

Committee Member A. Tillman requested that Administration provide information relative to any cost savings that the Parish has experienced by going to bid for insurance benefits.

Discussion continued relative to agents of record letters.

OFFERED BY: Mr. D. Henry.
SECONDED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-343

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO ENTER A CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT (“TPCG”) AND PALMER & CAY OF TEXAS (“CONSULTANT”),

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

WHEREAS, TPCG is authorized to provide property and casualty insurance through its Department of Risk Management and Human Resources; and
WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government will be accepting insurance proposals for the year 2004 for coverage including Property & Casualty; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government would like to recommend the services of Professional Consultants to analyze and exercise procedures and submit recommendations regarding the insurance proposal process for the year 2004; and

WHEREAS, such services would begin in August, 2003 and end on January 31, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Risk Management and Human Resources interviewed several qualified independent consultants that were recommended by local businesses; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Administration that the following Professional Consultant be appointed as the 2004 Property & Casualty Consultant: Palmer & Cay of Texas, L.L.C., 5956 Sherry Lane, Suite 2000, Dallas, TX 75225-6531 in the amount of $21,500.00 plus travel and expenses; and

WHEREAS, the fees payable to Palmer and Cay of Texas, L.L.C. to serve as Property & Casualty Consultant shall not exceed TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 ($21,500.00) DOLLARS, plus travel and expenses; and

WHEREAS, TPCG has determined that the terms of this cooperative endeavor will serve a public purpose and have a public benefit commensurate with the cost.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Policy, Procedure & Legal Committee), on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that the Parish President Robert J. Bergeron is hereby authorized to negotiate and to execute all documents necessary to effect a viable Contract for Consulting Services between TPCG and Palmer & Cay of Texas, L.L.C. containing substantially the same terms as those set out above.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 11th day of August, 2003.

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Committee Member W. Thibodeaux requested that Administration review methods of allowing citizens and organizations to use public parks and gyms.

Parish Attorney Carolyn McNabb stated that discussion has transpired relative to the use of public parks and gyms, and noted that autonomous recreation districts that control the facilities own some of the facilities.

Parish Manager Al Levron suggested that a representative from each recreation district meet to determine some commonality in purchasing an insurance policy for all districts and distribute the cost of the policy amongst the agencies.

Committee Member P. Rhodes requested that when a meeting transpires with the recreation districts that consideration also be given to establishing a uniform time for all recreation districts to meet.

Parish President Robert Bergeron suggested that the chairman of each recreation district serve on a committee to devise a policy to allow use of public facilities. He then requested that a time be established for having a meeting.
Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee direct the Council Chairman to appoint a committee to review the use of recreation facilities and parks, and that a representative from each recreation district be appointed to said committee.”

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. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee, pursuant to R. S. 42.6, convene into executive session to discuss the lawsuit titled ‘Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government vs. West Building Materials of Louisiana, Inc. and Charles B. West’, and invite into said session Parish President Robert Bergeron, Parish Attorney Carolyn McNabb, Assistant Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock, and Risk Manager Janell Brierly.”

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. J. B. Breaux moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee return to the regular order of business.”

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:  None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes and Mr. D. Henry, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee concur with the recommendation of the Legal Advisor in the
matter relative to the lawsuit titled ‘Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government vs West Building Materials of Louisiana, Inc. and Charles B. West.’"

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: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Miss C. Duplantis, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Ray B. Boudreaux, Jr., Chairman

Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Mr. R. Boudreaux moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting held on 8/11/03.”

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: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman called for a report on the Public Services Committee meeting held on 8/12/03, whereupon the Committee Chairman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls a public hearing on 8/27/03, rendered the following:

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE
The Chairman, Alvin Tillman, called the Public Services Committee meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by H. Lapeyre and the Pledge of Allegiance led by C. Duplantis. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: R. Boudreaux, J. B. Breaux, C. Duplantis, D. Henry, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin. A quorum was declared present.

The Chairman recognized Restore or Retreat, Inc. Executive Director Lori LeBlanc who stated that Restore or Retreat’s mission statement is to identify, expedite, and aggressively engage in solutions to achieve comprehensive coastal restoration. She noted that the goals of the organization are to achieve long-term ecological sustainability and economic sustainability for this region. Ms. LeBlanc continued that Restore or Retreat, Inc. has been actively involved in the decision making process for coastal restoration, its members have been appointed to the Governor’s Coastal Advisory Commission which will oversee the LCA Study, and has been pushing for the implementation of the largest coastal restoration projects that will benefit Terrebonne Parish. She noted that the Third Delta Conveyance Channel has been elevated to a high priority project in Baton Rouge, and that $1,000,000.00 has been allocated by the State for the Third Delta Conveyance Channel Feasibility Study. Ms. LeBlanc stated that the LCA Study is the implementation of the Coast 2050 Plan, which will be presented to the United States Congress in 2004.

Mr. R. Boudreaux moved, seconded by Miss C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Public Services Committee grant Ms. LeBlanc additional three minutes to conclude her comments.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. LeBlanc continued that the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Louisiana have held public meetings relative to the LCA Study, and presented information relative to the sub-province for the barrier islands and Terrebonne Parish. Ms. LeBlanc noted that Restore or Retreat has also been garnering support for coastal restoration through public outreach and America’s Wetland Campaign. Upon questioning, Ms. LeBlanc stated that the barrier islands are critical to coastal restoration, and noted that there are a total of four scenarios for coastal restoration, of which three of the scenarios would reduce land loss by 50% and only one of the scenarios is capable of maintaining what exist currently. She noted that of the three scenarios to reduce land loss, and two of those scenarios do not include barrier lands. Ms. LeBlanc stated that the alternative that Restore or Retreat, Inc. supports is including all projects, including barrier islands or it will not support the LCA.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded unanimously, “THAT, the Public Services Committee direct the Council Clerk to prepare a resolution for Wednesday’s Council meeting supporting participation in the efforts of Restore or Retreat, Inc. relative to coastal restoration.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Discussion ensued relative to the importance of restoring coastal Louisiana.

**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. R. Boudreaux moved, seconded by Mr. D. Henry, “THAT, the Public Services Committee postpone, as per the request of the Legislative Delegation, the matter relative to endorsing Constitutional Amendment Nos. 1, 2, & 3 and Louisiana’s fair share of Federal funding to assist with coastal restoration until a future meeting.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Reggie Bourg of 6885 Shrimpers Row, who expressed his concern relative to the proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 3 as it relates to establishing limitations of liability damages caused to private property due to coastal restoration projects. Mr. Bourg continued that most of the publicity surrounding Amendment No. 3 relates to oyster leases, and noted that the amendment is broadly defined. He questioned the committee’s support of the shrimping industry and endorsement of coastal restoration when the projects appear to negatively affect the other. Mr. Bourg requested that a detailed economic and environmental study be included in the LCA Study.

Mr. R. Boudreaux moved, seconded by Miss C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Public Services Committee grant Mr. Bourg an additional three minutes to complete his comments.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. Bourg continued that the south side of Plaquemine Parish will be blanketed by fresh water from the Mississippi River, and noted that the southern portion of the river receives the majority of river sediment. He inquired about the time frame in which any significant increase in sediment will be noticed.
Mr. R. Boudreaux moved, seconded Mr. W. Thibodeaux, “THAT, the Public Services Committee grant an additional minute to Mr. Bourg to conclude his comments.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. Bourg concluded his comments by noting that it will take 75 to 100 years before any substantial benefit can be derived from coastal restoration projects. He added that Terrebonne Parish does not have a lot of time, and that a short-term resolution to coastal erosion is needed to restore the barrier islands.

Upon questioning, Restore or Retreat, Inc. Executive Director Lori LeBlanc noted that “fishery” is at its peak currently, and eventually salt water will flow into the estuary and cause fisheries to decline almost to non-existence. Upon additional questioning, Ms. LeBlanc stated that environmentalists know what works, as it relates to coastal restoration, and there is no reason to continue to study the matter. She added that it is time to start doing the things that do work so that future generations will be able to enjoy Louisiana.

Discussion transpired relative to the erosion of Louisiana’s coastline.

Ms. LeBlanc interjected that in the short term, the barrier islands need to be restored, and in the long term, a plan to develop fresh water diversion projects and build deltas to replenish sediment has to be devised.

Parish President Robert Bergeron expressed his encouragement of partnering with Restore or Retreat, Inc. to devise coastal restoration plans, and requested that Ms. LeBlanc extend her expertise to the Coastal Zone Management and Coastal Restoration Advisory Committee to assist them in their review of coastal issues.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-344

A resolution publicly endorsing Senator Mary Landrieu’s proposed legislation to allocate a share of Federal Offshore Oil Revenues to the State of Louisiana and parishes impacted by coastal erosion to rebuild the State and parishes’ coast and coastal wetlands.

WHEREAS, Senator Landrieu has introduced language to the Federal Omnibus Energy Bill to compensate the states for environmental and economic impacts to their coast lines and wetlands caused by oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately $300 million a year of federal offshore oil revenues would be provided to the state and parishes impacted by oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to restore the coast line of the Parish of Terrebonne from man made actions which has caused erosion, subsiding and making our swamp and coast the fastest disappearing landmass on earth, and

WHEREAS, the majority of the money would fund the state’s match of federal dollars necessary to pay for the proposed $14 billion Louisiana Coastal Area Ecosystems Restoration
Project and would also provide additional monies to be used for infrastructure improvements at
the parish levels to mitigate the environmental and economic impacts caused by oil and gas
production in the Gulf of Mexico.

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

SECTION 1. That the Parish Council and President publicly endorse Senator Mary
Landrieu’s proposed legislation to allocate a share of federal offshore oil revenues to the State of
Louisiana and Parishes impacted by coastal erosion to rebuild the State and Parishes’ coast and
coastal wetlands.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: J.B. Breaux and W. Thibodeaux.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of August, 2003.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Miss C. Duplantis and Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the
Public Services Committee authorize the Parish President to execute an amendment to the
contract with Mosquito Control, Inc. for mosquito abatement services for an additional three
years.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

Voisin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

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

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Parish Manager Al Levron explained that the aforementioned amendment extends the
2005 contract with Mosquito Control, Inc. until 2008. Upon questioning, Mr. Levron explained
that the Mosquito Control, Inc. submitted a claim for additional compensation as a result of the
expanded protocol for the West Nile/Encephalitis Surveillance Program. He continued that
when Administration entered into the contract with Mosquito Control, Inc., West Nile was
unknown. He added that the contractor, in consultation with the Department of Health &
Hospitals, Center for Disease Control, has proposed an expanded enhanced sampling and
inspection project, which will allow for a better and quicker response to the status of the West
Nile Virus in mosquito and bird population. Mr. Levron stated that the contractor conducted the
activities in 2002 and has requested compensation for last year and to continue for future years.
He noted that the initial cost was considerably more than what is being proposed; however,
through negotiations, it was determined the best solution was to extend the current contract for a
lower annual price.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Wayne Maschado of Mosquito Control, Inc. who stated
that surveillance of the West Nile Virus normally begins in June and extends to September;
however, due to increased cases of the virus, surveillance has been started three months earlier and extended into the month of October. He then explained the process of monitoring cases of West Nile. Upon questioning, Mr. Maschado stated that cases of the West Nile Virus has been found in the following residential areas within the past week: Coteau, Juanita Street, Cortez Street, Grand Caillou Road, Cenac Street, Swamp Road, Klondyke Road, and Pellegrin Street. He noted that continued educational sessions are being conducted to educate the public.

Upon questioning, Mr. Levron stated that Administration has received notification of possible subsidy funding for mosquito abatement program, and how the funding will be distributed to the various parishes.

Mr. Maschado noted the retention ponds do not pose a problem with mosquitoes due to the circulation of the water.

Parish President Robert Bergeron noted that there is some concern relative to existing mosquito abatement programs being able to apply for the subsidy. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Public Services Committee introduce an ordinance that will revoke the dedication of a 30 foot drainage servitude for Tract 8 of Company Canal Subdivision, Addendum No. 1 and accept the dedication of a 15 foot drainage servitude for Tract 8 of said subdivision, and call a public hearing on said matter on August 27, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: P. Rhodes.

ABSENT: R. Boudreaux.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-345

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 T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc. to perform professional services for Inspection of Asbestos 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: H. Lapeyre.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of August, 2003.
The Chairman recognized Mr. Reggie Bourg of 6885 Shrimpers Row, who posed questions regarding the bid process for the engineering services for this project.

Parish Manager Al Levron explained that professional service contracts do not fall under the public bid law requirements.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-346

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO ENTER A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT AND NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR CERTAIN IN-KIND MAINTENANCE MATERIALS FOR THE KENNY HILL SCULPTURE GARDEN AND FOLK ART CENTER

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

WHEREAS, the mission of the NSU Kenny Hill Sculpture Garden and Folk Art Center is to promote and provide access to local folk art work for cultural enhancement; and

WHEREAS, the NSU Kenny Hill Sculpture Garden and Folk Art Center is free and open to the public; and

WHEREAS, TPCG recognizes its statutory mandate to encourage cultural development in Terrebonne Parish; and

WHEREAS, TPCG, believes that participating in the maintenance of the NSU Kenny Hill Folk Art Center will promote the culture heritage of Terrebonne Parish and facilitate the development of tourism in Terrebonne Parish; and

WHEREAS, TPCG and the NSU Kenny Hill Sculpture Garden and Folk Art Center believe they can substantially benefit the cultural growth, development and improvement in Terrebonne Parish by entering into a cooperative endeavor with each other; and

WHEREAS, TPCG has determined that providing one-time, in-kind maintenance materials for the terms of this cooperative endeavor will serve a public purpose and have a public benefit commensurate with the cost; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that the Parish President Robert J. Bergeron is hereby authorized to negotiate and to execute all documents necessary to effect a viable Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between TPCG and the Nicholls State University containing substantially the same terms as those set out above.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of August, 2003.
OFFERED BY: Mr. D. Henry.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes and Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-347

A resolution authorizing the execution of an contract between Gore Engineering, Inc., & Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government to provide for geotechnical services for the Country Drive Widening Project identified as Parish Project No. 97-PAV-21; and authorizing execution of a contract for these services.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is desirous of entering into a contract with Gore Engineering, Inc., and

WHEREAS, this contract proposes to drill thirty soil borings as per the attached contract for this project, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government agrees to pay $15,000.00 for these geotechnical services, 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 $15,000.00 and authorize the execution of any and all paperwork necessary for these geotechnical services for the Country Drive Widening Parish Project No. 97-PAV-21; by Terrebonne Parish President Robert J. Bergeron.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of August, 2003.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-348

A resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for the Construction Agreement for Parish Project No. 01-DRA-43 Bonanza Pump Station Flood Proofing, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into a contract dated May 21, 2003, with Dupre Brothers Construction Co., Inc., for the Bonanza Pump Station Flood Proofing, Parish Project No. 01-DRA-43, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, necessary to add Item 807-06, Structural Metalwork due to additional work that must be done to completely flood proof the steel bulkhead, and

WHEREAS, a construction cost increases of $7,100.00 has been negotiated for this additional work, and

WHEREAS, this metal work will increase the contract time by an additional 5 days, and
WHEREAS, this Change Order No. 1 has been recommended by the ENGINEER for this project, T. Baker Smith & Son, 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 Robert J. Bergeron of Change Order No. 1 to the construction agreement with Dupre Brothers Construction Co., Inc., to perform construction services for project No. 01-DRA-43 Bonanza Pump Station Flood Proofing which necessary to add Item 807-06, Structural Metalwork for an amount of Seven Thousand One Hundred Dollars and No Cents ($7,100.00) to the original contract amount and increases the contract time by an additional 5 days, and

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of August, 2003.

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The Chairman recognized Mr. Marc Rogers of T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc. who stated that Dupre Brothers Construction Company, Inc. while performing work on the Bonanza Pump Station noticed gaps between the existing channel cap and sheet pile. Mr. Rogers noted that the project should be completed within two weeks.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-349

A resolution providing approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Agreement for Parish Project No. 03-DRA-01, Emergency Sheet Pile Repair for the Montegut Levee (4-8) Project, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into a Engineering Agreement dated January 30, 2003, with T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc., for the Project entitled Parish Project No. 03-DRA-01, Emergency Sheet Pile Repair for the Montegut Levee (4-8) Project, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is desirous of increasing the scope of services to include design for additional areas of the levee that were affected by Tropical Storm Bill for the Emergency Sheet Pile Repair for the Montegut Levee (4-8) Project, and

WHEREAS, this additional design will increase the Additional Services Sections of the contract, and

WHEREAS, upset limits for the additional services section of this contract needs to be increased in the category of Project Representative, and

WHEREAS, upset limits need to be established for the following categories: Owner Design Changes and Owner Services, and
WHEREAS, these increases in the upset limits are for the design of an additional 990 Linear Feet of floodwall, and

WHEREAS, this amendment will increase the Additional Services Section of this contract by an amount of $12,500.00, and

WHEREAS, the firm of T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc., has been asked to perform these activities under the Additional Services sections of the Engineering Agreement for this project,

WHEREAS, the TPCG is desirous of having these services continued so that there is a need to increase in the upset limits for these services, 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 this Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Agreement for an increase of $12,500.00 in Additional Services authorizes Parish President, Robert J. Bergeron, to execute this Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Agreement for Parish Project No. 03-DRA-01, Emergency Sheet Pile Repair for the Montegut Levee (4-8) Project, with T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc., and

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of August, 2003.

Parish Manager Al Levron requested that Administration be allowed to give a power point presentation on the Montegut Levee Project at the end of the meeting. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Public Services Committee accept a petition from the residents from that portion of LeCompte Lane and Highridge Subdivision in Bayou Dularge and request Administration to review said requests regarding drainage concerns.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION)

Parish Manager Al Levron stated that Administration has discussed the matter relative to drainage concerns in Bayou Dularge, and is aware of the existing pump station.

**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: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.
Mr. R. Boudreaux moved, seconded by Mr. D. Henry, “THAT, the Public Services Committee retain the matter relative to the lack of catch basins in the 300 block of Westview Drive in committee for two weeks.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Julius Hebert, attorney for the Barrios Subdivision residents, who requested that the committee defer action on the Bimini Bay Land Trust agreement in order to address the following:

1) Possible radio bandwidths encroaching upon areas where improvements will be dug.
2) The extensive cost of relocating the bandwidths.
3) Subsidence problems that have occurred after a ditch was dug on the site.
4) Concerns about the development of retention/detention ponds prior to the receipt of approval from the Houma Zoning Commission and the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission and the receipt of all necessary permits.
5) Submission of a hydrology/water table study.
6) Look at an underground retention pond.

Mr. Hebert then questioned if the study presented by GSE Associates, Inc. takes into consideration the effect of the adjacent subdivision’s water, subsidence, a dry retention pond, underground culverts, and water draining off of the Navigation Canal Bridge.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Al Jeansonne of 115 Fahey Street, who expressed his concern relative to excavation of the proposed development site impacting the underground bandwidths for KCIL and the subsidence of land near the radio tower.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Public Services Committee allow Mr. Hebert three minutes to conclude his comments.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. Hebert continued that an unclear message would be sent if the improvements are made to the project site, and the proper approvals have not been received. He then noted that, in his opinion, the Parish Government may be in violation of its Home Rule Charter by engaging in private cooperative endeavor agreements.
Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. D. Henry, “THAT, the Public Services Committee retain the matter relative to authorizing the Parish President to enter into a cooperative agreement between the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and Bimini Bay Land Trust in committee for further evaluation.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION)

Upon questioning, Parish Attorney Carolyn McNabb stated that there may be some confusion relative to the Parish Government entering into a cooperative agreement endeavor with private associations, and noted that there is no legal reason for not adopting a resolution to enter into the aforementioned cooperative endeavor agreement with Bimini Bay Land Trust.

Parish Manager Al Levron stated that Administration’s intent was to proceed with a cooperative endeavor agreement with Bimini Bay Land Trust while it was willing to contribute to improvements being made to the project site. Mr. Levron noted that the project would only proceed once all approvals were received, and added that the improvements would be made to a Parish owned reservoir that would improve the entire watershed. Upon questioning, Mr. Levron stated that it is his understanding that the radio bandwidths are at another location. He continued that Guaranty Broadcasting donated to the Parish land outside of the perimeter of their tower site, and it is believed that any of their improvements are on the land that it retained. He added that he is unaware of any restrictions on the donation that limits the Parish’s use of the property.

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.
SECONDED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-350

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 David Waitz Engineering & Surveying, Inc. to perform professional engineering services for the Bridge over Bayou Black/Fire Dist #9 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: H. Lapeyre.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of August, 2003.
Mr. J. B. Breaux moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Public Services Committee add on to the agenda the matters relative to executing a contract with Sealevel Construction, Inc. in conjunction with a State project, and approving the award of the construction contract for the Ward 7 Levee Repairs Project to the firm of Dupre Brothers Construction Company, Inc.”

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:  C. Duplantis and H. Lapeyre.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-351

WHEREAS, the Parish applied for and received matching funds from La. DOTD to construct the Gray Pedestrian Path, and

WHEREAS, La. DOTD advertised for bids and has accepted the low bid of Sealevel Construction, Inc. in the amount of $152,286.00, and

WHEREAS, La. DOTD has prepared contract documents for execution by the Parish President, and

WHEREAS, the Parish has budgeted local funds sufficient to pay local match.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Parish President is authorized to execute a construction contract with Sealevel Construction, Inc. in the amount of $152,286.00 in conjunction with State Project No. 744-55-0003.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  C. Duplantis and H. Lapeyre.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of August, 2003.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-352
A resolution awarding and authorizing the signing of a Construction Contract to the firm of Dupre Brothers Construction, for Parish Project No. 03-NRCS-30, Ward 7 Levee Repairs, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and authorizing the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government did receive construction bids for Parish Project No. 03-NRCS-30, Ward 7 Levee Repairs, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the lowest, responsive and responsible base bid for the construction of the project was that submitted by the firm of Dupre Brothers Construction, in the amount of $238,977.75, and

WHEREAS, this project is partially funded by the Natural Resource and Conservation Service, and

WHEREAS, NRCS has approved the award of this contract to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, and

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

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 lowest, responsive and responsible base bid submitted by the firm of Dupre Brothers Construction, Inc. in the amount of $238,977.75, as per attached bid forms, for Ward 7 Levee Repairs, Parish Project No. 03-NRCS-30, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President, Robert J. Bergeron, be authorized and empowered to sign a construction contract for and on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government with Dupre Brothers Construction; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance evidencing coverage as provided in the project specifications and upon execution and recordation of all contract documents, T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc. is hereby authorized to issue the Notice to Proceed to Dupre Brothers Construction, to commence construction of said project; and,

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:  C. Duplantis and H. Lapeyre.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of August, 2003.

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The Chairman recognized Mr. Marc Rogers of T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc., who presented an update on the Montegut Levee (4-8) Project Improvements.

Parish Engineer Robert Jones stated that the project has been proceeding at 250 ft. of piling per day.

Upon questioning, Mr. Rogers stated that the project should be completed by the end of September.
Mr. Jones stated that there is no start date for the NRCS Emergency Sheet Pile Repair for the Montegut Levee (4-8) Improvements Projects because the contract has to be awarded and the contract documents have to be executed before the project commences. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

The Chairman recognized Mr. C. J. Stoufflet of 140 Jean Ellen Avenue, who informed the committee of a sub-surfacing project within the 200 Block of Jean Ellen Avenue being sublet to B & B Service, and noted that the contract included 25 ft. of unnecessary culverts to connect both sides of Jean Ellen Avenue when the drainage flows to Bayou Chauvin.

Committee Members R. Boudreaux, C. Voisin, and H. Lapeyre were recorded as exiting the proceedings at 7:35 p.m., 7:37 p.m. and 7:40 p.m., respectively.

Discussion ensued relative to the Jean Ellen Avenue Project being subcontracted and the Parish Government not being made aware of the subcontract.

Parish Manager Al Levron stated that Administration would investigate the matter and advise Project Engineer David Waitz that the Parish Government was not aware of the Jean Ellen Avenue Sub surfacing Project being subcontracted. Mr. Levron said that, although it is not unusual to subcontract a project, the primary contractor will be held responsible for any problems with the job. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

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

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.


The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Alvin Tillman, Chairman

Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 8/12/03.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: P. Rhodes

ABSENT: R. Boudreaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.
RESOLUTION NO. 03-353

A resolution emphasizing the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government’s strong support for the Louisiana Coastal Area Study M1 Option in conjunction with the long range coastal restoration plan for Terrebonne Parish and supporting the continued efforts of coastal land loss in Terrebonne Parish.

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2003, the Terrebonne Parish Council adopted Resolution No. 03-306 which supported three (3) strategies proposed for Terrebonne Parish to include 1) Restoration of Atchafalaya Flows through Terrebonne Parish, 2) Restoration of the Mississippi River Flows through Terrebonne Parish, and 3) Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Geomorphic Features using various artificial and natural materials to be presented to the Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Study as a long range coastal restoration plan for Terrebonne Parish and acknowledged the possibility that resources as well as communities may have to be relocated due to impacts caused by these strategies and the continued effects of coastal land loss in Terrebonne Parish, and

WHEREAS, the Council realizes that the M1 Option of the Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Study is vital to the very existence of Terrebonne Parish and expresses it plans to formally object to the LCA if the M1 Option is not included in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that notice is hereby given to advise that the Terrebonne Parish Government fully supports, endorses and encourages that the M1 Option be made part of the Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Study as a long range coastal restoration plan for Terrebonne Parish and expresses its plan to oppose the LCA if the Louisiana Coastal Area Study M1 Option is not included in its entirety, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Gov. Mike Foster, the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, the United States Army Corps of Engineers and all members of Terrebonne Parish’s Legislative Delegation.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: R. Boudreaux, Jr.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 13th day of August, 2003.

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The Chairman called for a report on the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 8/12/03, whereupon the Committee Chairman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls public hearings and a condemnation hearing on 8/27/03, rendered the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

AUGUST 12, 2003

The Chairman, Harold Lapeyre, called the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by J. B. Breaux and the Pledge of Allegiance led by C. Duplantis. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: R. Boudreaux, J. B. Breaux, C. Duplantis,
D. Henry, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin. A quorum was declared present.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded unanimously, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee place Item No. 1 (Lawsuit titled ‘Edward K. Morgan vs. No. 134,842 Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government) last on the agenda.”

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: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-354

A resolution stating Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government’s endorsement of the participation of CAJUN CUTTERS, INC. in the benefits of the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is vitally interested in fostering economic development in order to create jobs and employment opportunities for all citizens of the Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone program was created and amended by the Louisiana State Legislature by Act 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995, and Act 624 and Act 647 of 1997; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development that can accrue to some of the most distressed areas of the Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish in endorsing this project for the Enterprise Zone Program states that it is in agreement with its overall economic development plan for the Parish; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program requirements, the Parish agrees to participate in the Enterprise Zone Program, to assist the Department of Economic Development in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction, and to rebate all applicable* local sales/use taxes on the purchase of eligible construction materials, machinery, and equipment purchased for this project and used by the business permanently on that site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government hereby supports and endorses the participation of CAJUN CUTTERS, INC. (Project No. 2003-0318) in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program and, further, agrees to rebate to the applicant upon presentation of appropriate documentation all applicable local sales taxes on the purchase of eligible construction materials, machinery, and equipment purchased for this project and used by the business permanently on that site.

*Applicable sales taxes are defined as all local sales taxes EXCEPT those that are dedicated to the repayment of a Bond issue or dedicated to ANY public school. Currently in Terrebonne Parish the local sales tax rebate is $0.005 or one-half cent.
THER WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 12th day of August, 2003.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-355

A resolution giving Notice of Intent to adopt an ordinance to dedicate and accept the maintenance/operation of the streets, servitudes, utilities, gas, sewer, and rights-of-way for “CAVANESS ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2”, and to incorporate “J. PATRICK DRIVE”, “ANDREW DALE DRIVE”, and the extension of “GWENDOLYN DRIVE” into the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System for the purpose of providing a better means of locating addresses.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that Notice of Intent is given for adopting an ordinance to dedicate and accept the maintenance/operation of the streets, servitudes, utilities, gas, sewer, and rights-of-way for “CAVANESS ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2”, and to incorporate “J. PATRICK DRIVE”, “ANDREW DALE DRIVE”, and the extension of “GWENDOLYN DRIVE” into the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System for the purpose of providing a better means of locating addresses; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing on said ordinance be called for Wednesday, August 27, 2003 at 6:30 o’clock p.m.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, this 12th day of August, 2003.

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Planning & Zoning Director Patrick Gordon stated that an inspection of the structure at 305 Boykin Street revealed that the structure is in deplorable condition and is on the verge of collapsing. He continued that the Parish has cut the grass and has removed some debris. Mr. Gordon requested that a condemnation hearing be called on August 27, 2003 to remove the structure as soon as possible.

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. J. B. Breaux, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee concur with the recommendation of Administration and call a condemnation hearing on the property located at 305 Boykin Street on August 27, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.”
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:  None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. R. Boudreaux, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee introduce an ordinance to establish a ‘No Wake’ zone in that portion of Bayou Dularge from Falgout Canal, north to a point of 900 feet north of the Theriot/Voisin Bridge, and call a public hearing on said matter on August 27, 2003 at 6:30 p.m."

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. R. Boudreaux, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee retain the matter relative to a fire loss at 130 Wolf Parkway – possible fire hydrant deficiencies and the need for additional fire hydrants on Wolf Parkway and Hackberry Street in committee, and request that the matter be represented to the committee in two weeks as follows ‘Discussion and possible action with respect to fire hydrant deficiencies within the City of Houma’.”

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:  None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. J. B. Breaux moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee return to the regular order of business as per the written agenda.”

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:  None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee, pursuant to R. S. 42.6, convene into executive session to discuss the lawsuit titled, ‘Edward K. Morgan vs. No. 134,842, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government’, and invite into said session Parish Attorney Carolyn McNabb, Assistant Parish Attorney J. D. Schoonenberg, Parish President Robert Bergeron, Planning & Zoning Director Patrick Gordon, and Risk Management Claims Adjuster Larry Arcement.”

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. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee return to the regular order of business as per the written agenda.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  R. Boudreaux and W. Thibodeaux.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. D. Henry, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee concur with the recommendation of the Legal Advisor in the lawsuit titled, ‘Edward K. Morgan vs. No. 134,842, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government’.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: R. Boudreaux and W. Thibodeaux.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. J. B. Breaux, “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. D. Henry.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: R. Boudreaux and W. Thibodeaux.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Harold Lapeyre, Chairman
Suzette Thomas Minute Clerk

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded Unanimously, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 8/12/03.”

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: R. Boudreaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. D. Henry, “THAT, the Council authorize the installation of the following street lights:

INSTALL LIGHT ONE 175-WATT HIGH PRESSURE SODIUM LIGHT ON AN EXISTING POLE AT 3071 GRAND CAILOU ROAD; ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 4; SLECA; CLAYTON VOISIN

INSTALL LIGHT AND POLE AT 488 GRAND CAILOU ROAD IN BOBTOYW (CONTACT PAUL CELESTINE, 868-4961); ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 4; SLECA; CLAYTON VOISIN
INSTALL LIGHT ON EXISTING POLE AT 421 DARLENE STREET; ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1; ENTERGY; CHRISTA DUPLANTIS

REPLACE LIGHT ON EXISTING POLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO SUGARWOOD SUBDIVISION WITH 400-WATT HIGH PRESSURE SODIUM FLOOD LIGHT; ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 2; ENTERGY; HAROLD LAPEYRE

INSTALL LIGHT ON EXISTING POLE AT THE CORNER OF ST. CHARLES STREET AND SOUTHDOWN-MANDALAY ROAD (RENE COSSE, 580-2704); URBAN SERVICES DISTRICT ROAD LIGHTING; TPCG UTILITIES; HAROLD LAPEYRE

INSTALL A 400-WATT OFF-ROAD FLOOD LIGHT ON RECREATION DRIVE IN MONTEGUT, NEXT TO THE TENNIS COURTS; (FARREN RODDY – 594-3174); ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT #6; ENTERGY; DANNY HENRY

RE-ENERGIZE ELECTRICITY AT BROADMOOR PARK; ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 3A; ENTERGY; RAY BOUDREAUX

INSTALL LIGHT ON EXISTING POLE ON THE MORGAN STREET BRIDGE (ETHEL DAIGLE, 853-0654); ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1; TPCG UTILITIES; WAYNE THIBODEAUX.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: R. Boudreaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. J. B. Breaux moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Council approve attendance at the following meetings as per the current Council Travel Policy:

A) America’s Wetland Community and Culture Summit; August 22; Lake Charles
B) Open Meetings/Public Records Workshop; October 15; Metairie
C) The New South Economic Development Course; September 28-October 3; Hattiesburg, MS.
F) American Shore & Beach Preservation Association; September 21-24; Wilmington, N.C.
G) Police Jury Association Regions 1 & 2 Annual Meeting; Houma; September 5.”

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: R. Boudreaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. J. B. Breaux, “THAT, the Council open nominations until 8/27/03 for the vacancy on the Recreation District No. 11 Board.”
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:  None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. D. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Council appoint Mr. Al Poienco to the Houma-Terrebonne Visitors and Convention Bureau to fill the unexpired term of Mr. L. Vernon Bourgeois, Sr.” *(ITEM REVISITED AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION.)*

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:  None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Councilman W. Thibodeaux expressed his concerns relative to the aforementioned appointment not being held over for a two-week period.

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. R. Boudreaux and Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council revisit the item of the appointment on the Houma-Terrebonne Visitors and Convention Bureau.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None

ABSTAINING:  None

ABSENT:  None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. R. Boudreaux and Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council open nominations until 8/27/03 for the vacant position on the Houma-Terrebonne Visitors and Convention Bureau.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, R. Boudreaux, C. Duplantis, and J. B. Breaux

NAYS: D. Henry

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council appoint Ms. Kristen Walker as the ‘first alternate’ on the Terrebonne Parish Women’s Commission, and accept the resignation of Mrs. Mary Samaha.” *(SUBSTITUTE MOTION OFFERED AND FAILS AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION.)*

Mr. P. Rhodes offered a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. W. Thibodeaux, “THAT, the Council hold nominations open until 8/27/03 for the ‘first alternate’ vacancy on the Terrebonne Parish Women’s Commission, which occurred with the resignation of Mrs. Mary Samaha.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Rhodes, A. Tillman, and W. Thibodeaux

NAYS: H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, D. Henry, R. Boudreaux, C. Duplantis, and J. B. Breaux

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the substitute motion adopted.

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, D. Henry, R. Boudreaux, C. Duplantis, and J. B. Breaux

NAYS: P. Rhodes, A. Tillman, and W. Thibodeaux

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. J. B. Breaux moved, seconded Unanimously, “THAT, the Council open nominations until 8/27/03 for the two vacancies on the Village East Fire Protection Board, which occurred with the resignation of Mr. Allen Bonvillain and Mr. Don Gary.

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: P. Rhodes
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council re-appoint Mr. Carey ‘Buddy’ Hebert to another term on the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

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

NAYS: W. Thibodeaux

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. J. B. Breaux moved, seconded by Mr. D. Henry and Mr. R. Boudreaux, “THAT, the Council re-appoint Mr. Samuel Small to an additional term on the TEDDCO Board and that nominations remain open until 8/27/03 for the other two expired terms.”

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: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, resident of Recreation District No. 10, who stated that the district is very conservative on their funding, serves the public very well and number one on their agenda is to recreate the children. Mr. DeHart stated that if residents have concerns they can address the board and they would try to accommodate them.

Councilman A. Tillman expressed his concerns relative to a request he made to have a fence installed around the Crozier Park in Bayou Dularge not being honored.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Danny LeBlanc, Recreation District No. 10 Board Member, who stated that Councilman Alvin Tillman had attended one meeting of the board and requested a fence to be installed around the Crozier Park. Mr. LeBlanc stated that a bid for said fence was submitted in the amount of $28,000.00. Mr. LeBlanc stated that no further action was taken on the matter because they were waiting for Mr. Tillman to come back to the board for further direction.

Councilman A. Tillman stated that he had indicated at the meeting that he attended what he would like to have done regarding a fence around Crozier Park. Mr. Tillman stated that his desire to have a fence installed was due to the activities that take place at the park, especially during late hours and residents adjacent to the park having safety concerns.

Mr. Danny LeBlanc stated that Recreation District No. 10 encompasses three Council districts. Mr. LeBlanc stated that Liner Park is also located in Recreation District No. 10 and is
another Council District, other than Mr. Tillman’s and has basically the same equipment as Crozier Park; expect that Crozier has a basketball court. Mr. LeBlanc stated that he does not believe the funding for the fence could be expended to install a fence on a park that is on private property.

Councilman A. Tillman expressed his concerns relative to lights being taken away from the Crozier Park and requested that a fence be installed around the park.

Upon questioning by Councilman A. Tillman, Mr. Danny LeBlanc stated that there is a back fence stop at the Liner Park, which is similar to the one at the Crozier Park.

Upon further questioning by Councilman A. Tillman, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart stated that Recreation District No. 10 did pay for the fence at the Liner Park as well as the Crozier Park. Mr. DeHart stated that the parks have identical equipment except that Crozier Park has the larger basketball park.

Councilman A. Tillman expressed his concerns for very little improvements being done to the Crozier Park. Councilman Tillman requested that the Recreation District No. 10 Board supply the Council with a breakdown of the amount of funds spent on the Crozier Park besides general maintenance. Councilman Tillman expressed his concerns relative to no efforts being made to allocate any funds to have a fence installed around the Crozier Park. Councilman Tillman requested that the lights that were taken from the Crozier Park be put back and that the Recreation District work very expeditiously to allocate funds to assist with having a fence installed.

A discussion ensued relative to Councilman A. Tillman’s request of Recreation District No. 10 Board to make improvements to the Crozier Park in Dularge.

Upon questioning by Councilman A. Tillman, Parish Attorney C. McNabb stated that if there is an agreement with the landowner or accordance with the current lease, funds could be spent to make improvements (a fence) to the Crozier Park.

Councilman A. Tillman stated that it is his intention to have funds placed in the 2004 TPCG to assist with having a fence installed at the Crozier Park, but requested the Recreation District to help with the funding, if possible.

A further discussion ensued relative to the Crozier Park in Dularge. (NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS MATTER.)

At this time, 8:30 p.m., Councilman D. Henry was recorded at leaving the proceedings.

Councilman R. Boudreaux stated that Lafourche Parish is having the center of Bayou Lafourche dredged and he had spoken with a few Council Members and Administration relative to the possibility of doing the same thing in Bayou Terrebonne. Mr. Boudreaux requested that Administration look further into this idea and report back to the Council at a later date.

Several Council Members expressed their support in the idea of having Bayou Terrebonne dredged.

Mr. R. Boudreaux moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council allow an add-on to tonight’s agenda to address a temporary appointment to fill the vacancy of Constable of Ward 1, formerly filled by Mr. Thomas Callahan, who recently passed away.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS:  H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, R. Boudreaux, C. Duplantis, and J. B. Breaux

NAYS:  None

ABSTAINING:  None
RESOLUTION NO. 03-356

A resolution to make a temporary appointment to fill the vacancy in the position of Constable of Ward 1 of Terrebonne Parish and to call election dates to elect a permanent replacement.

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2003, Mr. Thomas Anthony Callahan, Constable of Ward 1 of Terrebonne Parish, died unexpectedly, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Callahan was truly a dedicated public servant and will be sorely missed by this governing body, the people he represented and, of course, his loving family, and

WHEREAS, as per the provisions of R.S. 13:2583, the Terrebonne Parish Council wishes to make an appointment to temporarily fill the position of Constable of Ward 1 of Terrebonne Parish until an election is held, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Merril Hebert Callahan possesses the qualifications for the office of Constable and is willing and able to fill the position until a permanent successor may be elected.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby appoint Mrs. Merril Hebert Callahan to fill the vacant position of Constable of Ward 1 of Terrebonne Parish until a permanent successor may be elected, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an election for a permanent successor the seat of Constable of Ward 1 of Terrebonne Parish be held on March 9, 2004 (first primary) and, if necessary, April 17, 2004 (general election) and that qualifications for said office be held on January 28, 29 & 30, 2003,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Secretary of State and the Terrebonne Parish Clerk of Court so that all parties may know of the decision of this Council.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 13th day of August, 2003.

Vice-Chair C. Duplantis reminded everyone of the American Heart Association’s free CPR training on Saturday, 8/16/03, at the Civic Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00.

At this time, 8:52 p.m., Councilman R. Boudreaux was recorded as leaving the proceedings.

Council Clerk P. Labat announced a Habitat for Humanities meeting to be held on Monday, 8/18/03, at the Parish Library at 5:30 p.m., to discuss expanding the program into all of Terrebonne Parish.
Councilman P. Rhodes reminded the voters of the importance of the proposed constitutional amendments that will be placed on the October ballot and urged them to familiarize themselves with them.

Mr. J. B. Breaux moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council accept the following Monthly Engineering Reports:

A) Coastal Engineering & Environmental Consultants, Inc.
B) GSE Associates, Inc.
C) T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS:  H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, C. Duplantis, and J. B. Breaux

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: D. Henry and R. Boudreaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. J. B. Breaux, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS:  H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, C. Duplantis, and J. B. Breaux

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: D. Henry and R. Boudreaux

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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