OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL
IN REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 14, 2007

The Chairman, Mr. A. Tillman, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room. Following the Invocation, led by Minute Clerk V. Whitney, Councilman H. Lapeyre led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call, Council Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin P. Rhodes, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, and A. Williams. K. Elfert was recorded as joining the proceedings at 6:24 p.m. A quorum was declared present.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, the Council approve the minutes of the Regular Council Session held on 10/10/07.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, and A. Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: K. Elfert

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council approve the Parish Bill List dated 11/12/07.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, and A. Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: K. Elfert

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Council approve the Parish Manual Check List for September 2007.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, and A. Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: K. Elfert

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Councilwoman A. Williams read aloud a memorial for Reverend Willie Howard, Sr., a local Civil Rights Activist, who recently passed away and requested a moment of silence in honor of his memory.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Terrell Turner, Ms. Eula Howard, and Mrs. Gazelle Stewart, relatives of Reverend Willie Howard, who thanked the Council and Parish President for the memorial and stressed the many contributions of Reverend Howard in formulating a better society.
At this time, 6:24 p.m., Councilwoman K. Elfert was recorded as joining the proceedings.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.
SECONDED: Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-397

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council has just learned that a member of the Administrative Staff was recently recognized by a nationally accredited organization, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jason Hutchinson, Director of the Terrebonne Parish Juvenile Detention Center, became the first person in the State of Louisiana to become a Certified Correctional Executive/Juvenile, and

WHEREAS, this most recent certification by the American Correctional Association and the Commission on Correctional Certification is a testament to the ingenuity and leadership abilities of Mr. Hutchinson and to the quality of the staff he has helped develop, and

WHEREAS, certification by this prestigious national organization is not given lightly and is the result of many months of grueling study and research and of the intense scrutiny by professionals in the field of corrections institutes, and

WHEREAS, although this outstanding achievement of Mr. Hutchinson is certainly evidence of his exceptional personal aptitudes and capabilities, it is also a reflection of the hard work of his staff and on this community as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Parish President and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that Mr. Jason Paul Hutchinson be commended for being certified by the American Correctional Association and the Commission on Correctional Certification as a Certified Correctional Executive/Juvenile.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 14th day of November, 2007.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Jason Hutchinson, Terrebonne Parish Juvenile Detention Center Administrator, who thanked the Council and Parish President for the commendation and stressed his appreciation to his staff and for being able and allowed to continue his education to help the youth in need in this Parish.

OFFERED BY: Ms. C. Duplantis.
SECONDED: Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-398

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care provides patients and families the highest quality care during life-limiting illness and at the end of life, through pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, allowing patients to live fully up until the final moments, surrounded and supported by the faces of loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers, and

WHEREAS, last year, more than 1.2 million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, received care from the 4,000 hospice and palliative care programs in communities throughout the United States, and
WHEREAS, professional and compassionate hospice staff—including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, and clergy—provide comprehensive care focused on the wishes of each individual patient, and

WHEREAS, more than 400,000 trained volunteers contribute 18 million hours of service to hospice programs annually, and

WHEREAS, providing high-quality hospice and palliative care reaffirms our belief in the essential dignity of every person, regardless of age, health, or social status, and that every stage of human life deserves to be treated with the utmost respect and care, and

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care providers encourage all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and their healthcare professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL, on behalf of the Parish President and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that November 2007 be hereby proclaimed as NATIONAL HOSPICE/PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH IN HOUMA-Terrebonne and that all citizens be encouraged to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 14th day of November, 2007.

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The Chairman recognized Ms. Tara Stringer, RN, Patient Care Coordinator, Hospice of South La., who thanked the Council and Parish President for the proclamation and support and stressed how much of a privilege and honor it is to take care of the patients and the family members in the final moments of their life.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, it now being 6:30 p.m., the Council open public hearings at this time.”

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:  None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

A. A proposed ordinance to revoke a portion of the drainage servitude situated on Lot 9, Block 7 of Clark Estates, Addendum No. 2 (Areas A-B-D-C-A)

The Chairman recognized Mr. Tim Himel, Meandering Way resident, who presented a petition from approximately 25 residents in the area opposing the proposed ordinance revoking the drainage servitude and read a letter from one of the residents opposing same.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Kevin Rizzo, T. Baker Smith & Son, engineering from for the project, who stated that his client is choosing to pull this proposal and not pursue the revocation because of new information that was discovered.

There were no further comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.
Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing, accept the petition from the residents opposing the revocation and that no action be taken on this proposed ordinance.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. H. Lapeyre.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: 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 Parish Code and establish a “3-Way Stop” at the intersection of Euclid Street and Lincoln Street

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

Ms. T. Cavalier moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

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

OFFERED BY: Ms. T. Cavalier.
SECONDED BY: Ms. K. Elfert.

ORDINANCE NO. 7377

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARISH CODE OF TERREBONNE PARISH, CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE IV. OPERATION OF VEHICLES, AND ARTICLE V, STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING, DIVISION II. PARISH, SECTION 18-88 TO ESTABLISH A THREE WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF EUCLID STREET AND LINCOLN STREET; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF SAID SIGNS; AND TO ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, in regular session convened, acting pursuant to the authority invested in it by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government for Terrebonne Parish, and including, but not limited to, LSA R.S. 33:1368 and other statutes of the State of Louisiana, to amend the parish Code of Terrebonne Parish, Chapter 18, Article V, and appropriate Sections to establish the intersection of Euclid Street and Lincoln Street as a “3-Way Stop” intersection, as follows:

CHAPTER 18, Motor Vehicles and Traffic
ARTICLE V, Stopping, Standing and Parking
DIVISION II, Parish
SECTION 18-88: “3-Way Stop Intersections”

The intersection of Euclid Street and Lincoln Street shall be established as a “3- Way Stop” intersection and appropriate “3-Way Stop” signs shall be erected and maintained along said roadway. Any vehicle traveling on Euclid Street and/or Lincoln Street shall adhere to the provisions of this ordinance.
SECTION II

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

SECTION III

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

SECTION IV

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

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 14th day of November, 2007.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

C. A proposed ordinance to approve the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to A-Any Cab Company, L.L.C.

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

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams and Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, and A. Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: H. Lapeyre
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED BY: Ms. A. Williams.

ORDINANCE NO. 7378

An Ordinance for the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to A-Any Cab Company L.L.C., and to address other matters relative thereto.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, approves the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to A-Any Cab Company L.L.C.
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 213(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 14th day of November, 2007.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

D. A proposed ordinance to approve the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to AAA Taxi Company, L.L.C.

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

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.

SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Lambert and Mr. H. Lapeyre.

ORDINANCE NO. 7379

An Ordinance for the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to AAA Taxi Co., L.L.C., and to address other matters relative thereto.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, approves the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to AAA Taxi Co., L.L.C.
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 213(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 14th day of November, 2007.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

E. A proposed ordinance to amend the 2007 Budget so as to adjust the Program Revenue for Head Start to the Actual 2007 Grant Award

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

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams and Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 7380

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2007 ADOPTED BUDGET OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT SO AS TO ADJUST THE PROGRAM REVENUE FOR HEAD START TO THE ACTUAL 2007 GRANT AWARD.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, at the time the 2007 Budget was prepared, the grant award for Head Start was estimated due to the timing of the budget process, and

WHEREAS, an adjustment is necessary to make the program revenue agree to the actual 2007 grant award.
BE IT ORDAINED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2007 Adopted Budget of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended as follows:

FUND 239 – HUD HEAD START PROGRAM

- Head Start Revenue: $114,445
- Salary & Wages: $(37,220)
- Head Start Admin.: $(4,621)
- Food: $(3,027)
- Building Rent/Classroom: $(8,400)
- Fund Balance (Decrease): $(61,177)

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 14th day of November, 2007.

The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

F. A proposed ordinance providing for the levy of local or special assessments on certain lots or parcels of Real Estate abutting on certain portions of an extension of Synergy Center Boulevard

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

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council closed the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The following ordinance having been introduced at a duly convened meeting of the Terrebonne Parish Council on October 24, 2007, and notice of its introduction having been published in the official journal, was offered for final adoption by Ms. K. Elfert and seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre and Mr. P. Lambert:

ORDINANCE NO. 7381

LOCAL OR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE NO. 7381 OF THE PARISH OF TERREBONNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2007 FOR THE SYNERGY CENTER BOULEVARD EXTENSION

An ordinance providing for the levy of local or special assessments on certain lots or parcels of real estate abutting on certain portions of an extension of Synergy Center Boulevard within the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, to cover a portion of the total cost of the construction of street paving improvements along said street and an extension of said street, all in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:3689.7; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), by Resolution 06-379 adopted on October 25, 2006, gave notice of its intention to construct street paving improvements along Synergy Center Boulevard and an extension of said street within the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), in compliance with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:3689.1 through 33:3689.14, and held a public hearing on November 29, 2006, to hear objections to the proposed improvements and extension, and there being no objections, proceeded to order said improvements and extension constructed by Resolution 06-414 adopted on November 29, 2006; and

WHEREAS, based upon the contract awarded for the construction of said improvements, Milford & Associates, Inc., of Houma, Louisiana, prepared a report setting forth the total cost to be assessed against the abutting property and the front foot cost to the abutting property owners of said project, said report having been accepted by Resolution 07-358, adopted by this Governing Authority on September 26, 2007; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Authority on September 26, 2007, made a determination that each lot or parcel of real estate to be assessed in the project will be benefited to an amount not less than the proposed or special assessments, and following said review and findings, and on September 26, 2007, mailed to each property owner proposed to be assessed, a notice advising each property owner of the proposed assessment and the manner and time for payment thereof, and further containing a general description of the proposed improvements, the description of the property to be assessed and the location thereof, and further notifying each property owner to advise the governing authority in writing within fifteen (15) days from the date of said notice if any inaccuracies exist in the proposed assessments, said notice being deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the respective property owners at their addresses as they appeared on the last Parish assessment roll on which the property was assessed for Parish taxes; and

WHEREAS, to cover the cost of said project to be assessed against the abutting property in accordance with said engineering report, it is the desire of this Governing Authority to levy local or special assessments as herein provided; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by this Governing Authority, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with and under the authority of Louisiana Revised Statute 33:3689.7, and other constitutional and statutory authority, as ordered constructed by Resolution 07-359, adopted by this Governing Authority on September 26, 2007, and in accordance with the contract awarded therefore and the certified statement or report of Milford & Associates, Inc., of Houma, Louisiana, and to pay the total cost (less the contribution of the Parish) of constructing an extension and improvements of Synergy Center Boulevard, said street within the Parish, including intersections, culverts, headers, filling, labor, and material, together with all necessary equipment and installations in connection therewith and such extensions as may be necessary, engineers’ and attorneys’ fees, and all other costs incidental to said work, to serve the following described properties located within the Parish, there be and there is hereby levied a local or special assessment of One Hundred One ($101.00) Dollars per front foot on each and every lot or parcel of real estate abutting the following street along the portions hereinafter set forth:

SYNERGY CENTER BOULEVARD EXTENSION

1. The North side of Synergy Center Boulevard from its current terminus to Main Street/Highway 24 for a distance of approximately 920 feet.

2. The South side of Synergy Center Boulevard from its current terminus to Main Street/Highway 24 for a distance of approximately 920 feet.

said assessments being levied in proportion that the frontage of each lot or parcel of real estate bears to all parcels of real estate to be benefited by said roadway improvements to Synergy Center Boulevard as follows, to-wit:
SECTION 2. The amounts herein assessed shall be due and collectible immediately upon the passage of this ordinance at the Parish Finance Department, 8026 Main Street, Houma, Louisiana, and if not paid within thirty (30) days from the date hereof, it will be conclusively presumed that any property owner whose property is affected hereby exercises the right or option which is hereby authorized to pay the respective amounts due and herein assessed by this ordinance in ten (10) equal, annual installments, over a period of ten (10) years, bearing interest at a rate of five per centum (5%) per annum from date hereof, until paid. Installments of principal and interest on the unpaid principal amount of the assessments shall be due on December 31st of each of the years 2007 through 2016, inclusive. The failure to pay any installments of principal or the interest thereon when due shall ipso facto cause the other installments and the interest thereon to become due and payable, and the Parish shall, through its proper authority and within thirty (30) days from the date of such default, proceed against the property or properties on which defaults may exist by filing suit in a court of competent jurisdiction to have each property or properties immediately seized and sold for the collection of the total amount due thereon, including interest penalties and attorneys’ fees, all as provided for by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:3689.7, and other constitutional and statutory authority.

SECTION 3. A certified copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Terrebonne, Louisiana, who shall forthwith record the same in the Mortgage Records of said parish, and this ordinance, when so filed and recorded, shall operate as a lien and privilege against each lot or parcel of real estate herein assessed, which lien and privilege shall prime all claims except taxes.

SECTION 4. After the adoption date of this ordinance the unpaid balance owed on an assessment may be prepaid at any time at a price equal to the outstanding principal balance of the assessment being prepaid and the accrued interest thereon.

SECTION 5. Any and all payments made in cash in payment of the assessments being levied shall be expended for no purpose other than the payment of the cost of said improvements and extension herein referred to, and the Council Clerk of this Governing Authority, or a representative thereof, be and he is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to issue receipts authorizing the cancellation of the assessments hereby levied upon payment to the Parish of the full amounts due on account of the respective installments.

SECTION 6. This Governing Authority does hereby ratify, confirm and approve the acceptance of the bid of Calogne, Inc., in the amount of $210,678.00, with $210,678.00 attributable to the Synergy Center Boulevard extension, for Parish Project No. 06-EXT-48 (the “Project”), which bid was heretofore awarded by Resolution No. 07-359, adopted by this Governing Authority on September 26, 2007, said acceptance being subject to the conditions and provisions set forth in said Resolution No. 07-359. A copy of the contract providing for the construction of the Project to be entered into by the Parish and said Calogne, Inc. is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Terrebonne Parish Council where it is available for public inspection during regular working hours.

SECTION 7. It is recognized, found and determined that a necessity exists for legal services in connection with the financing of the Project and, accordingly, the appointed Parish Attorney and staff are hereby authorized to do and perform any and all legal and financial work incidental and necessary with respect to the completion of the roadway assessment program by means of the levy of local or special assessments in the manner provided by the Act. It is recognized that counsel has heretofore prepared and submitted, and will continue to prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption, all the proceedings necessary with respect to the levy of said local or special assessments to pay a portion of the costs of the Project. The fee of said special counsel shall be computed at an hourly rate not exceeding the rate provided by the hourly fee guidelines as approved by the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana, plus out-of-pocket expenses, said fee to be payable out of the funds derived from said local or special assessments or other moneys available to the Parish for the Project. The Parish President and/or Clerk of the Governing Authority are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to issue a voucher to said counsel in payment of the fee herein provided for. A certified copy of this ordinance shall be
submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and the fee designated herein, as required by law.

SECTION 8. In case any one or more of the provisions of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this ordinance, but the same shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory revision enacted after the date of this ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision hereof shall be deemed to apply hereto.

SECTION 9. This ordinance shall be published in one (1) issue of the official journal of this Parish as soon as possible and shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption, being an ordinance affecting the public peace, health and safety.

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 14th day of November, 2007.

SYNERGY CENTER BOULEVARD ASSESSMENT LIST

North side of Synergy Center Boulevard Extension:

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government,
front footage of property to be improved: 238.18 feet;
advaluation at One Hundred and One Dollars ($101.00) per foot: $24,056.18

PMJ Properties,
front footage of property to be improved: 449.51 feet;
advaluation at One Hundred and One Dollars ($101.00) per foot: $45,400.51

New Vision Church,
front footage of property to be improved: 203.05 feet;
advaluation at One Hundred and One Dollars ($101.00) per foot: $20,553.50

South side of Synergy Center Boulevard Extension:

PMJ Properties,
front footage of property to be improved: 902.04 feet;
advaluation at One Hundred and One Dollars ($101.00) per foot: $91,106.04

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

G. A proposed ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 7141 so as to repeal the adoption of the Hurricane Rita Surge Inundation and Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) Maps dated February 2006

The Chairman recognized Mr. Adam Knapp, Deputy Director of the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA), who stated that Ms. Alicia Wilkins Braxton – General Counsel and Ms. Lynn Bankston – Intergovernmental Affairs Director were also present to answer questions regarding the Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) Maps and the discussions ongoing with the Attorney General’s Office. He explained the process of how the ABFE Maps were drafted and released. He stated that the Attorney General’s Office is reconsidering the information and will give clarity as to their recent opinion. He stated that the position of the Board is still the same in that
it is the right thing to do to keep the ABFE Maps adopted in place and the use of funds is still tied to that.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, the Council continue the public hearing on the proposed ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 7141 so as to repeal the adoption of the Hurricane Rita Surge Inundation and Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) Maps until an opinion is received from the Attorney General’s Office regarding their previous opinion.” *(MOTION VOTED ON AFTER DISCUSSION)

Upon questioning, Mr. Knapp stated that if approval of the ABFE Maps was rescinded, funding would be lost. He further stated that the ABFE Maps are advisories from FEMA and the Parishes are asked if they are situations they can point out and offer an alternative to some specific location that causes a problem provided that safety is not minimized by adopting some alternative proposal. He stated that it is anticipated that the FEMA Flood Maps will be released in January or February 2008 and an appeal process will be allowed for a period of 30 days. Mr. Knapp stated that Hazard Mitigation and CDBG funds have been proposed by the State of La. and are contingent upon the adoption of the ABFE Maps. The specific issue of FEMA requirements is a different issue in that they required anyone using Hazard Mitigation funds must follow the ABFE’s where they are using those dollars, but not specifically the Parish adoption.

Councilman C. Voisin expressed his concerns relative to if the ABFE Maps are even close to being correct the length of time it is taking to “tweak” them.

Upon further questioning, Mr. Knapp stated that, as he understands the new flood insurance maps are being done parish-by-parish, west to east.

Councilman P. Rhodes expressed his concerns with not putting any more obstacles in Terrebonne Parish residents receiving their funding to rebuild their homes.

Upon further questioning, Mr. Knapp stated that it is the opinion of the LRA Board that the ABFE maps are the best available information at this time and keeping them in place is the right thing to do.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Wayne Berber, FEMA representative, who explained that once the Flood Insurance Maps are received by a Parish there will be an appeal process during which there will be 30 days for citizens to appeal the maps and the agency will have 90 days for review. He stated that there is no appeal process for the ABFE’s, but there will be one for the final flood insurance maps. He stated he would supply Terrebonne Parish with a hard copy of an appeal process.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Lee Rutter, local developer, who stated that the discussions tonight has him a little confused because he thought that when the ABFE maps came out, FEMA indicated the funds would be available, no matter what. He stated that LRA came in later and indicated the ABFE’s have to be used for funding to be received. He stated that tonight it was indicated that LRA is an advisory board, but they seem to have a lot of authority as an advisory board.

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

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

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

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

The Chairman stated that Mr. Reggie Bourg, who was listed on the agenda to address the Council relative to Ward 7, had pulled this particular item at this time.

Councilman P. Rhodes displayed pictures he recently took on the Ward 7 Levee and the progress being made with this project.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Reggie Bourg, Dulac resident, who displayed pictures of the Ward 7 Levee Project and expressed his concerns relative to the problems he sees with the elevation of certain portions of the levee and part of the system that he believes was never properly permitted and drains the Pellegrin property. He also expressed his concerns relative to the Chabert property being drained with public funds. (no action taken)

The Chairman recognized Mr. Ronnie Shaw, local developer, who expressed his concerns relative to what he believes is a possible conflict of interest due to Mr. Barry Blackwell serving as Parish Manager and actions past, present, and ongoing while he seeks to develop real estate. He requested that the Parish secure independent legal counsel to request an advisory opinion of the La. Ethics Board as to whether Mr. Blackwell may continue as a public servant while also acting as a real estate developer and that all action be suspended involving Northpark, L.L.C. until an ethics opinion is obtained. He explained the reasoning behind his belief of a conflict of interest.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council allow Mr. Ronnie Shaw an additional 3 minutes time to address the Council.”

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

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

Mr. Ronnie Shaw continued his presentation regarding his concerns to a possible conflict of interest with Mr. Barry Blackwell serving as Parish Manger while acting as a real estate developer.

Parish Manager B. Blackwell explained that the Northpark property was purchased some time back, with an existing Parish sewer line that ran through the property, but nothing has taken place regarding connecting to the sewer line since the property has been purchased by his development team. He offered a history of what action has taken place regarding Northpark and his involvement. He stated no agreement was ever reached with Northpark or the other landowner, however a Cooperative Agreement was drafted between the Parish and the other landowner, but to his knowledge, no resolution has been reached.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council request the Parish Attorney to bring the matter of a possible conflict of interest with Mr. Barry Blackwell serving as Parish Manger while acting as a real estate developer to the District Attorney’s Office for consideration of an investigation.”

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

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

Chairman A. Tillman requested that in the future, issues similar to the aforementioned matter be brought up in committee prior to the Regular Council meeting.

The Chairman called for a report on the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting held on 11/12/07, whereupon the Committee Chairwoman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls a public hearing on 11/28/07, rendered the following:

**POLICY, PROCEDURE, & LEGAL COMMITTEE**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2007**

The Chairwoman, Arlanda Williams, called the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by Mr. H. Lapeyre and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. P. Rhodes. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, A. Tillman, C. Voisin, and A. Williams. Committee Member K. Elfert was recorded as absent. A quorum was declared present.

The Chairwoman announced that Committee Member K. Elfert was unable to attend this evening’s meeting due to a previously scheduled mandatory business commitment.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee concur with the recommendation of Administration to cosponsor the annual Christmas Parade ‘Once Upon A Cajun Christmas’ on December 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: K. Elfert.

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee introduce an ordinance to revise the Parish Code with respect to the domicile of the Houma Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and call a public hearing on said matter on November 28, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION**)

Council Clerk Paul Labat explained that the aforementioned action amends the Parish Code to change the domicile of the Houma Area Convention and Visitors Bureau from the City of Houma to the Parish.

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: K. Elfert.

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.

SECONDED BY: Ms. C. Duplantis.

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-399**

A Resolution naming the Village East School as the polling place for Precinct 32 of Terrebonne Parish.
WHEREAS, due to an emergency situation in which the Village East School main parking lot was under major construction and visitor parking was extremely limited, the Parish President requested immediate permission from the Secretary of State to TEMPORARILY relocate the polling place for Precinct No. 32 to the Village East Volunteer Fire Station, and

WHEREAS, as stated in the letter, it was the full intention that the polling place be returned to the Village East School following the July 21, 2007 election, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council was recently notified that a formal resolution must be adopted officially designating the polling place for Precinct 32 as the Village East School, located at 315 Lafayette Woods, Houma, LA 70363.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Policy, Procedure & Legal Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the polling place for Precinct 32 of Terrebonne Parish be hereby designated as the Village East School, 315 Lafayette Woods, Houma, LA 70363, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States Department of Justice, the Louisiana Secretary of State, the Terrebonne Parish Clerk of Court and the Terrebonne Parish Registrar of Voters so that they may be aware of this matter.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: K. Elfert.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.

Council Clerk Paul Labat explained that, at the request of Clerk of Court Robert Boudreaux, the aforementioned action is being taken to reverse the temporary precinct polling place change at the Village East School, due to construction activity during the summer of 2007. He noted that in a letter to the State, the temporary change was clearly noted and that the move would be on a “one-time” basis; however, the State is requesting formal action with respect to moving the polling place back to its original location. In response to questioning, Mr. Labat stated that the temporary move would not have an effect on the upcoming election.

Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock stated that the Legal Department has reviewed legislation from other parishes regarding the regulation of barriers around swimming pools. She noted that the Parishes implemented regulations in conjunction with Building Codes enacted by the State in Act 12 and the adoption of the International Building Code. Ms. Alcock continued that the International Building Code contains Appendix G, which regulates swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs; however, Terrebonne Parish has not specifically adopted Appendix G for enforcement and may consider said adoption to regulate barriers. She suggested that South Central Planning & Development Commission or the Code Council be contacted to determine how Appendix G would be regulated and enforced, how fees would be collected, and how existing pools would be addressed.

Ms. T. Cavalier moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee direct the Chairman to form a committee to discuss the matter relative to the application of Appendix G in Terrebonne Parish with respect to regulating safety devices around swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Committee Member P. Rhodes requested that the discussion also include the maintenance of pools as well as fencing.

Committee Member C. Voisin requested that the Committee address existing ponds and what types of pools/spas/hot tubs/ponds may be “grandfathered” into the proposed regulations.
The Chairwoman called for the vote on the motion offered by Ms. T. Cavalier.

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

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

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSENT:  K. Elfert.
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Arlanda Williams, Chairwoman
Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Ms. A. Williams, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting held on 11/12/07.”

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

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

The Chairman called for a report on the Public Services Committee meeting held on 11/12/07, whereupon the Committee Chairman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls public hearings on 11/28/07, rendered the following:

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 12, 2007

The Chairman, Peter Rhodes, called the Public Services Committee meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by Ms. A. Williams who requested prayers for the family of the late Richard Breaux and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. H. Lapeyre. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, A. Tillman, C. Voisin, and A. Williams. Committee Member K. Elfert was recorded as absent. A quorum was declared present.

The Chairman announced that Committee Member K. Elfert was unable to attend this evening’s meeting due to a mandatory business commitment.
RESOLUTION NO. 07-400

A Resolution providing approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Agreement for Parish Project No. 05-ECD-11, Bayou Terrebonne Boardwalk Project, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into an Engineering Agreement dated January 24, 2006 with GSE Associates, Inc. for the project entitled Parish Project No. 05-ECD-11, Bayou Terrebonne Boardwalk Project, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is desirous of proceeding with Phase II of the project, and

WHEREAS, the firm of GSE Associates, Inc. has been asked to perform Basic Services and Additional Services as enumerated in Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Agreement substantially in accordance with the form of amendment attached.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER 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 Phase II Basic and Additional Services on a percentage cost of construction basis as set forth in said Amendment No. 1 and authorizes the Parish President, Don Schwab to execute this Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Agreement for Parish Project No. 05-ECD-11, Bayou Terrebonne Boardwalk Project, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, with GSE Associates, Inc., and

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.

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The Chairman recognized Mr. Phil Schexnayder of GSE Associates, Inc. who explained that the original contract for the Boardwalk Project included the preliminary engineering phase (permits, rights-of-ways, and developing the reports); the design phase which encompasses amendments for Contracts 1 (design of bulkhead) and 2 (design of the utilities and walkway behind the bulkhead); and that the proposed location is between Barrow and Church Streets. Upon additional questioning regarding the bulkhead, Mr. Schexnayder stated that he does not know the specifics with respect to installing bulkheads along the entirety of the project.

Parish Manager Barry Blackwell stated that Administration is not prepared to make a presentation on the bulkhead installation and noted that Administration would provide an answer at Wednesday’s Council meeting.
OFFERED BY: Ms. A. Williams.
SECONDED BY: Ms. C. Duplantis.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-401

A resolution providing approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Agreement for Parish Project No. 07-DRA-11, Barataria Avenue Roadway & Drainage Rehabilitation Project, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government did enter into an original engineering agreement with Gulf South Engineers, Inc. dated May 4, 2007, for the Barataria Avenue Roadway & Drainage Rehabilitation Project identified as Parish Project No. 07-DRA-11, and

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

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is desirous of increasing the scope of services to include the installation of approximately 200 linear feet of steel sheetpile wall along the northern bank of Little Bayou Black and re-routing the sub-surface drainage along Canal Street and abandoning an existing segment of drain line under Morrison Home Center, and

WHEREAS, this increase in the upset limits for Basic Services is necessary to include this change in scope, and

WHEREAS, the TPCG is desirous of having these services continued so that there is a need for additional funds to be added to the contract, and

WHEREAS, this above work will increase the basic services section of the contract by an additional $46,500.00.

WHEREAS, this above work will increase the additional services section of the contract by an additional $54,000.00.

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 $46,500.00 in Basic Services and $54,000.00 in additional services and authorizes Parish President Don Schwab to execute this Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Agreement for the Barataria Avenue Roadway & Drainage Rehabilitation Project, Parish Project No. 07-DRA-11, with GSE Associates, Inc., and

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.

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RESOLUTION NO. 07-402

A Resolution providing approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Agreement for Parish Project No. 05-SEW-19, Idlewild Sewage Pump Station Upgrade, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into an Engineering Agreement dated June 3, 2005, with T. Baker Smith, Inc., for the project entitled Parish Project No. 05-SEW-19, Idlewild Sewage Pump Station Upgrade, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is desirous of amending certain additional phases in the original contract, as shown in Amendment No. 1, attached hereto, of the Engineering Agreement for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by 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 a net increase in the compensation for Resident Project Services and Reimbursable Expenses in the amount of $4,041.88, and authorizes Parish President Don Schwab to execute this Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Agreement for Parish Project No. 05-SEW-19, Idlewild Sewage Pump Station Upgrade, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, with T. Baker Smith, Inc., and

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:   K. Elfert.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.

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Pollution Control Administrator Michael Ordogne stated that the contract time for the aforementioned project is 90-calendar days which did not include the delivery of the pumps, motors, and control panels; that the overall contract time period through substantial completion was seven months – four months longer than the anticipated original 90-days. He continued that the project representative had to oversee the project for a four-month period and added that the project was a part-time project. Mr. Ordogne added that the original project budget was $7,290.00, the extra cost incurred to oversee the project for the duration was $6,500.00, and the total project cost increased to $13,790.00. He noted project “under runs” of permits ($1,188.00), measure existing of conditions ($12,021.00), surveying ($370.00).

OFFERED BY:  Mr. H. Lapeyre.
SECONDED BY:  Ms. A. Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-403

A resolution authorizing the Utilities Department to contract for engineering, labor and equipment services in connection with the repair of Houma Generating Station Unit 16 Boiler.

WHEREAS, in connection with the routine annual inspection of Unit 16 at the Houma Generating Station, a number of boiler tubes were found to exhibit signs of impending failure, and
WHEREAS, it is necessary that this unit be repaired and returned to service at the earliest possible date in the event it is needed for power supply.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Utilities Department be, and they are hereby, authorized to contract for services in connection with the repairs of Houma Generating Station Unit 16 Boiler.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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: K. Elfert.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.
SECONDED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-404

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is committed to providing aggressive leadership, direction and consonance in the development and implementation of comprehensive policies, plans and programs which encourage multiple uses of the coastal zone and achieve a proper balance between the multiple needs of coastal resources in Terrebonne Parish; and

WHEREAS, the eastern edge of Bayou Terrebonne has experienced considerable erosion due to a variety of forces, including subsidence, saltwater intrusion, increased wave energy and oil and gas activity which threatens to breach the natural bank line and disrupt the natural hydrology of the bayou; and

WHEREAS, “The South Terrebonne Terracing Project” proposes to alleviate this problem by the construction of earthen terraces along the eastern edge of Bayou Terrebonne below Bush Canal; and

WHEREAS, the project has been accepted for additional funding by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Community Based Restoration Partnership administered by the Gulf of Mexico Foundation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Parish President, Don Schwab, is hereby authorized to execute Grant Agreement # 6005, between the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and the Gulf of Mexico Foundation for the South Terrebonne Terracing Project.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: K. Elfert.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.
Coastal Zone Management & Preservation Director Leslie Suazo stated that the aforementioned amendment provides for additional funding to construct approximately 11,000 feet of earthen terracing along the eastern bank of Bayou Terrebonne near Madison Bay which is outside of the levee system. She noted that the last measurement indicated that there is less than 45 feet of shoreline remaining at said location and that funding has been received from a community based restoration grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAH). Mrs. Suazo stated that construction is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2008 and noted that the Parish will decide if the area will be opened for public use.

OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-405

A Resolution providing for the acceptance of work performed by Sealevel Construction, Inc., in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Parish Project No. 05-SEW-16, Renovations to Westview and Central Heights Sanitary Sewer Lift Stations, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, by contract dated January 26, 2007, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government did award a contract to Sealevel Construction, Inc., for Parish Project No. 05-SEW-16, Renovations to Westview and Central Heights Sewer Lift Stations, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, as will be seen by reference to said contract which is recorded under Entry No. 1258236 of the Records of Terrebonne Parish, and

WHEREAS, the work performed under the contract has been inspected by authorized representative of Owner, Engineers and Contractor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby accept the work performed in accordance with the contract and specifications in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion, effective as of the date of recording of this resolution, and does authorize and direct the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages of Terrebonne Parish to note this acceptance thereof in the margin of the inscription of said contract under Entry No. 1258236 of the Records of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court of Terrebonne Parish to commence a 45-day clear lien period, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administration is authorized to make payment of retainage upon the presentation of a Clear Lien Certificate.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: K. Elfert.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.
OFFERED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.
SECONDED BY: Mr. C. Voisin and Mr. P. Lambert.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-406

A resolution providing approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Agreement for Parish Project No. 06-ROAD-15, 2006 Roadway Maintenance Contract, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into an engineering agreement dated May 25, 2006 with T. Baker Smith, Inc., to perform engineering services for Project No. 06-ROAD-15; filed under folio No. 1238454, 2006 Roadway Maintenance Contract, and

WHEREAS, the engineering agreement between OWNER and ENGINEER has provisions for certain limitations for Basic and for Additional Services, and

WHEREAS, Change Order No.1 to the Construction Contract increased the scope of work and increased the construction time, and

WHEREAS, the current limitations need to be increased due the new scope and increase in time for an increase in the upset limits in the total amount of $19,280.00 for these Services, and

WHEREAS, the firm of T. Baker Smith, Inc., has been asked to continue to perform these activities, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby approve and authorize the execution by Terrebonne Parish President Don Schwab of Amendment No. 1 to the engineering agreement with T. Baker Smith, Inc., to perform engineering services for Project No. 06-ROAD-15, 2006 Roadway Maintenance Contract, which results in a total increase of Eight Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars and No cents ($19,280.00) to the original contract amount.

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: K. Elfert.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.

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OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Lambert and Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-407

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations, as enacted by the United States Congress, mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity, and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each state, and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of Terrebonne Parish, in accordance with those standards, is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008:

1. The Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government will perform all interim inspections on all Parish-owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.

2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government will be structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with the AASHTO manual for maintenance inspection of bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State Law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above will be critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information will be updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.

3. All Terrebonne Parish Government-owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing shall be load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All bridges shall be critically reviewed by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government prior to load posting.

4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the Department of Transportation and Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is cognizant that these stipulations are prerequisites for participation by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: K. Elfert.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 07-408

A resolution for SCADA Service Agreements from QEI, Inc. in the amount of TWENTY ONE THOUSAND THIRTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($21,038.00)

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has acquired services of QEI, Inc. for maintenance and upkeep of the SCADA system, and

WHEREAS, The Utilities electric system requires the operation of a reliable SCADA system, and

WHEREAS, QEI, Inc is the licensor of software associated with the operation of this SCADA system, and

WHEREAS, These agreements covers the hardware maintenance and software upgrades of the SCADA system and all electric distribution substations RTUs.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, authorizes the execution of these service agreements in the amount of $21,038.00, and that the Parish President and all other appropriate parties be, and they are hereby, authorized to execute any and all agreement documents associated therewith.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: K. Elfert.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.

OFFERED BY: Ms. T. Cavalier.
SECONDED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-409

A Resolution providing for the acceptance of work performed by Volute, Inc. in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Parish Project No. 05-SEW-19, Idlewild Sewage Pump Station Improvements, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, by contract dated March 1, 2007, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government did award a contract to Volute, Inc., for Parish Project No. 05-SEW-19, Idlewild Sewage Pump Station Improvements, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, as will be seen by reference to said contract which is recorded under Entry No. 1260428 of the Records of Terrebonne Parish, and

WHEREAS, the work performed under the contract has been inspected by authorized representative of Owner, Engineers and Contractor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby accept the work performed in accordance with the contract specifications in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion, effective as of the date of recording of this resolution, and does authorize and direct the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages of Terrebonne Parish to note this acceptance thereof in the margin of the inscription of said contract under Entry No. 1260428 of the Records of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court of Terrebonne Parish to commence a 45-day clear lien period, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administration is authorized to make payment of retainage upon the presentation of a Clear Lien Certificate.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: K. Elfert.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.
Committee Member P. Lambert noted attempts to repair the defective road panels on Presque Isle Drive and noted that a recent evaluation of the panels indicates that there are a number of defective panels. He continued that the 2007 Road Maintenance Budget does not contain sufficient funding to complete all repairs and that the most hazardous location (160 Presque Isle Drive) should be repaired this week. Mr. Lambert noted that the defective panels may be attributed to a sewerage leak.

Public Works Operations Superintendent Perry Blanchard stated that Administration has been monitoring the defective road panels on Presque Isle Drive and that he is unaware of the sewerage problem in the location. Mr. Blanchard stated that he will consult with Pollution Control regarding the sewerage leak and would commence repair in the vicinity of 160 Presque Isle Drive as soon as possible. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Public Works Director Al Levron stated that Administration has received a petition from the residents of Ferry Road and that initially, Administration believed the location was in Bayou Blue; however, another channel has been identified. He noted land rights and permit issues must be addressed and added that the first step is to declare the channel as a public drainage channel before Administration can proceed with the remaining steps to declaring the public drainage channel. Mr. Levron interjected that the Parish has a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Lafourche Parish to maintain the drainage channel in Bayou Blue.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Darren Yelverton of Ferry Road, who noted a misunderstanding in the coordinates of the exact location and inquired about the Parish having rights-of-way for Company Canal along Coastal Lane.

Mr. Levron explained that the Parish acquired, in the early 1900’s, and owns the water bottoms of Company Canal.

Mr. Yelverton noted flooding problems along Ledet Lane and suggested that the land be elevated and a flap gate/valve gate be placed on the channel it would prevent flooding during tidal events.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Dwayne Falgout of Ferry Road who stated that Terrebonne Parish should already have rights-of-way and “spoil dumpage” that were granted when the Bayou Blue channel was previously dredged on the back section of the Ferry Road Drainage Channel, the Matherne property on the Bayou Blue side, and that Mr. Mazerac also granted access.

In response to questioning, Mr. Levron stated that the wetland permit and the possible mitigation of the channel are the biggest issues facing the Ferry Road Drainage Project. He continued that Administration would research the land rights and noted that there was some confusion as to the actual location of the project.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.
SECONDED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-410

A RESOLUTION BY THE TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT ADOPTING THE DRAINAGE DITCH ALONG HIGHWAY 316, ACTUAL LOCATION TAKEN WITH GPS, 29 DEGREES 34”.12N 90 DEGREES 35”.15W ON EAST END AND 29 DEGREES 34”31N 90 DEGREES 36” 31W ON THE WEST END, WHICH IS PERPENDICULAR TO THE INTRACOASTAL CANAL IN TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA IN BOURG, LOUISIANA (TERREBONE PARISH) AS A PUBLIC DRAINAGE CHANNEL.

WHEREAS, the drainage ditch along a portion of Highway 316 in the Parish of Terrebonne receives public storm water drainage and require maintenance; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 38:113 authorizes the Parish to exercise control over all public drainage channels or outfall canals within the limits of the Parish which are selected by the Parish, as
necessary parts of or extensions to improved drainage channels or outfall canals, solely for the purpose of preserving the efficiency of the drainage channels or outfall canals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the drainage ditch along Highway 316, actual location taken with GPS, 29 degrees 34’12N 90 degrees 35’15W on east end and 29 degrees 34’31N 90 degrees 36’31W on the west end, which is perpendicular to the Intracoastal Canal, Bourg, Louisiana (Terrebonne Parish) is hereby adopted in accordance with La. R.S. 38:113.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT:  K. Elfert and A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.

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OFFERED BY:  Mr. P. Lambert.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-411

A RESOLUTION BY THE TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT ADOPTING THAT SECTION OF BAYOU BLUE FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY TO THE COMPANY CANAL IN TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA IN BOURG, LOUISIANA (TERREBONE PARISH) AS A PUBLIC DRAINAGE CHANNEL.

WHEREAS, Bayou Blue in the Parish of Terrebonne receives public storm water drainage and requires maintenance; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 38:113 authorizes the Parish to exercise control over all public drainage channels or outfall canals within the limits of the Parish which are selected by the Parish, as necessary parts of or extensions to improved drainage channels or outfall canals, solely for the purpose of preserving the efficiency of the drainage channels or outfall canals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that Bayou Blue from its intersection with the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana to The Company Canal, Bourg, Louisiana (Terrebonne Parish) is hereby adopted in accordance with La. R.S. 38:113.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT:  K. Elfert.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.

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Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Public Services Committee introduce an ordinance to authorize the removal of the ‘No Parking’ zone in front of 925 Grinage Street and call a public hearing on said matter on November 28, 2007 at 6:30 p. m.”
The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

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

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, “THAT, the Public Services Committee introduce an ordinance to create a ‘No Parking’ zone at the intersection of Hotard and St. Andrew Streets and call a public hearing on said matter on November 28, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Committee Member P. Lambert noted that the aforementioned “No Parking Zone” would be located in front of Bourg Elementary School where the school buses attempt to make their turns.

Council Clerk Paul Labat stated that the Planning & Zoning Department concurs with the creation of a “No Parking Zone” at the intersection of St. Andrew and Hotard Streets for a distance of 50 feet at all approaches.

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

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

Committee Member P. Lambert stated that Item No. 16 (Discussion and possible action with respect to repairing/placing “rip rap” along the roadway shoulder between 5803 and 5785 Bayouside Drive in the vicinity of the flashing caution light to prevent further erosion) has been addressed by Administration and that no action is necessary. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

The Chairman relinquished the chair to the Vice Chairwoman.

Committee Member P. Rhodes noted drainage problems in the vicinity of 5803 and 5785 Bayouside Drive between October 23rd to October 30th. Mr. Rhodes inquired about possible obstructions in the drainage ditch near Willard Bridge.

Public Works Operations Superintendent Perry Blanchard stated that after a recent rain event, the aforementioned area experienced some drainage issues due to obstructions in the trash screens at the pump station. He continued that additional inspections revealed obstructions at several of the bridges and that the obstructions have been removed. Mr. Blanchard stated that Administration could begin the permitting process for excavating the canal; however, the spoil bank has to be re-established prior to the excavating the canal. He noted that Administration has a 100-foot right-of-way and that the landowners must be contacted prior to commencing work.

Committee Member P. Rhodes requested that Administration consult him within one week regarding obstructions along Bayouside Drive and excavating the canal.

Committee Member P. Lambert inquired about the possibility of placing a conveyor on the trash screen at the Smith Ridge Pump Station.

The Chairman resumed the chair.

Mr. Blanchard interjected that Administration would need to allocate funding in order to place a conveyor on the aforementioned trash screen. He noted that at issue, is the necessity of getting a long arm excavator to the site to clean the trash screen and added that there is no platform to drive equipment to the site. (NO ACTION TAKEN)
Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Public Services Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: K. Elfert.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Peter Rhodes, Chairman

Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 11/12/07.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman called for a report on the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 11/12/07, whereupon the Committee Chairwoman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls public hearings on 11/28/07, rendered the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 12, 2007

The Chairwoman, Christa Duplantis, called the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by Mr. H. Lapeyre and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. P. Lambert. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, A. Tillman, C. Voisin, and A. Williams. Committee Member K. Elfert was recorded as absent. A quorum was declared present.

The Chairwoman announced that Committee Member K. Elfert was unable to attend this evening’s committee meeting due to a mandatory business commitment.

OFFERED BY: Ms. A. Williams.

SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-412

A Resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for the Construction Agreement for Parish Project No. 07-CDBG-21, Terrebonne Parish Head Start Center.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into a contract dated August 20, 2007, with M & H Builders, Inc., Recordation Number 1274821, for the Terrebonne Parish Head Start Center, Parish Project No. 07-CDBG-21, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, this Change Order has been recommended so as to include the installation of cabinets and plumbing as required by the Louisiana Department of Health and the installation of
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a four foot tall vinyl fence that will surround the playground area for the above referenced project, and

WHEREAS, this Change Order will add 12 contract days to the contract, and

WHEREAS, this Change Order is necessary in order to increase the overall contract price by $27,037.00 and

WHEREAS, this Change Order No. 1 has been recommended by the Architect, Marcello and Associates, for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby approve and authorize the execution by Terrebonne Parish President Don Schwab of Change Order No. 1 to the construction agreement with M & H Builders, Inc. to perform construction services for the Terrebonne Parish Head Start Center, Parish Project No. 07-CDBG-21, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana for an increase in the amount of Twenty Seven Thousand Thirty Seven Dollars ($27,037.00) to the contract amount and an increase in contract time of twelve (12) additional days, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Architect, Marcello and Associates.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: K. Elfert.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.

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Staff Engineer Joan Schexnayder stated that the plans and specifications for the Rosemary Lane Project are being circulated in order to determine a bid date; that bids should be received in early December; and that construction should commence in February 2008.

Committee Member A. Williams expressed her concern with respect to the length of time it has taken to get the aforementioned project started and requested that the project commence no later than the end of February; however, she noted that she would prefer that the project be completed by the end of December.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee retain the matter with respect to the Rosemary Lane Project in committee for thirty days and direct Administration to submit an update at such time.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: K. Elfert.

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Ms. A. Williams.
SECONDED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-413

A RESOLUTION OBLIGATING THE NECESSARY FUNDING UNDER THE TERREBONNE PARISH FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM/HURRICANE LILI,
PROJECT NO 1437-109-001 TO COMPLETE THE ELEVATION OF VARIOUS STRUCTURES CONDITIONED ON ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED IS RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has been formally notified that the suspension of its Hurricane Lili Flood Hazard Mitigation Program (HMGP), Project No. 1437-109-001, has been lifted and notice to proceed with the mitigation of the remaining structures granted; and

WHEREAS, under the administrative guidance of Higher Ground Flood Protection Services, LLC, the required “elevation packets” have been prepared and executed by the various property owners and are awaiting administrative review by the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that, upon administrative clearance by the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, the necessary funding under the Terrebonne Parish Flood Hazard Mitigation Program/Hurricane Lili, Project No. 1437-109-001 be hereby obligated in facilitation of the mitigation of the following structures:

1. 7306 Breakwater Drive  
   Mr. C. J. Armond, Owner;

2. 305 Hidalgo Drive  
   Ms. Lisa Robinson, Owner;

3. 4448 Grand Caillou Road  
   Mr. J. Sothern, Owner.

4. 119 Price Street  
   Mr. R. Trahan Owner.

5. 7382 Highway 56 (Structure #1)  
   Mr. G. Hughes, Owner.

6. 7389 Highway 56 (Structure #2)  
   Mr. G. Hughes, Owner.

7. 120 Cobia Court  
   Mr. Jody Vallet, Owner.

8. 3880 Highway 665  
   Mr. James Suggs, Owner

9. 8625 Grand Caillou Road  
   Mr. G. Duplantis, Owner.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.  
ABSTAINING: None.  
ABSENT: K. Elfert.  
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.

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OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-414

A RESOLUTION GIVING NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF STRUCTURES AND LANDS UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH HURRICANE LILI HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP), PROJECT NO. 1437-109-0001; TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECT ACQUISITION; AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SAID MATTER FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007, AT 6:30 P. M.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, in the implementation of its Hurricane Lili Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Project No. 1437-109-0001, has executed all necessary documents with the following property owner to acquire all structures and lands located at the address and for the amount stipulated below:

Owner(s): Ms. Tamika Richard Guidry

Address: 183 Marjorie Street

Appraised Value: $68,000.00

Offer Amount: $46,412.00

Legal Description: Lot 21, Block 1, A. J. Authement Subdivision, Addendum No. 2.

WHEREAS, the above listed property owner has agreed to the offer to purchase for the amounts stipulated.

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 is hereby given to adopt an ordinance to authorize the acquisition of structures and lands under the terms and conditions of the Terrebonne Parish Hurricane Lili Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Project No. 1437-109-0001; to authorize the Parish President to execute any and all documents necessary to effect acquisition; and calling a public hearing on said matter for Wednesday, November 28, 2007, at 6:30 p. m.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: K. Elfert.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.

OFFERED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.
SECONDED: Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-415

A RESOLUTION GIVING NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF STRUCTURES AND LANDS UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH HURRICANE LILI HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP), PROJECT NO. 1437-109-001; TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS
NECESSARY TO EFFECT ACQUISITION; AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SAID MATTER FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007, AT 6:30 P. M.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, in the implementation of its Hurricane Lili Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Project No. 1437-109-001, has executed all necessary documents with the following property owners to acquire all structures and lands located at the address and for the amount stipulated below:

Owner(s): Mr. Albert Rebert
Ms. Christine Rebert

Address: 105 Oak Street
Montegut, Louisiana 70377

Appraised Value: $115,400.00
Offer Amount: $94,055.00

Legal Description: Lot 4, Block 2, Robichaux Subdivision, Addendum No. 1

WHEREAS, the above listed property owners have agreed to the offer to purchase for the amounts stipulated.

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 is hereby given to adopt an ordinance to authorize the acquisition of structures and lands under the terms and conditions of the Terrebonne Parish Hurricane Lili Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Project No. 1437-109-001; to authorize the Parish President to execute any and all documents necessary to effect acquisition; and calling a public hearing on said matter for Wednesday, November 28, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: K. Elfert.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.

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OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.
SECONDED: Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-416

A RESOLUTION GIVING NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF STRUCTURES AND LANDS UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH HURRICANE LILI HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP), PROJECT NO. 1437-109-0001; TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECT ACQUISITION; AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SAID MATTER FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007, AT 6:30 P. M.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, in the implementation of its Hurricane Lili Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Project No. 1437-109-0001, has executed all necessary documents with the following property owners to acquire all structures and lands located at the address and for the amount stipulated below:

Owner(s): Mr. Roy Collins
Ms. Jill Collins
WHEREAS, the above listed property owners have agreed to the offer to purchase for the amounts stipulated.

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 is hereby given to authorize the acquisition of structures and lands under the terms and conditions of the Terrebonne Parish Hurricane Lili Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Project No. 1437-109-0001; to authorize the Parish President to execute any and all documents necessary to effect acquisition; and calling a public hearing on said matter for Wednesday, November 28, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: K. Elfert.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.

OFFERED BY:  Ms. T. Cavalier.
SECONDED: Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-417

A RESOLUTION GIVING NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF STRUCTURES AND LANDS UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH HURRICANE LILI HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP), PROJECT NO. 1437-109-001; TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECT ACQUISITION; AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SAID MATTER FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007, AT 6:30 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, in the implementation of its Hurricane Lili Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Project No. 1437-109-001, has executed all necessary documents with the following property owners to acquire all structures and lands located at the address and for the amount stipulated below:

Owner(s):  Mr. James Harwell
Address:  408 Country Estates Drive
Houma, Louisiana 70364
Appraised Value:  $210,000.00
Offer Amount:  $165,059.00
Legal Description:  Lot 7, Block 6, Country Estates Subdivision.

WHEREAS, the above listed property owners have agreed to the offer to purchase for the amounts stipulated.
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 is hereby given to adopt an ordinance to authorize the acquisition of structures and lands under the terms and conditions of the Terrebonne Parish Hurricane Lili Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Project No. 1437-109-001; to authorize the Parish President to execute any and all documents necessary to effect acquisition; and calling a public hearing on said matter for Wednesday, November 28, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: K. Elfert.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 07-418

A RESOLUTION GIVING NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF STRUCTURES AND LANDS UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH HURRICANE LILI HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP), PROJECT NO. 1437-109-001; TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECT ACQUISITION; AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SAID MATTER FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007, AT 6:30 P. M.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, in the implementation of its Hurricane Lili Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Project No. 1437-109-001, has executed all necessary documents with the following property owners to acquire all structures and lands located at the address and for the amount stipulated below:

Owner(s): Mr. Joseph Johnson
Address: 508 Madison Street
         Houma, Louisiana 70360
Appraised Value: $58,000.00
Offer Amount: $39,401.00
Legal Description: Portion of Lots 14 & 15, Block 1, Madison Park Subdivision.

WHEREAS, the above listed property owners have agreed to the offer to purchase for the amounts stipulated.

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 is hereby given to adopt an ordinance to authorize the acquisition of structures and lands under the terms and conditions of the Terrebonne Parish Hurricane Lili Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Project No. 1437-109-001; to authorize the Parish President to execute any and all documents necessary to effect acquisition; and calling a public hearing on said matter for Wednesday, November 28, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED: Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-419

A RESOLUTION GIVING NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF STRUCTURES AND LANDS UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH HURRICANE LILI HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP), PROJECT NO. 1437-109-001; TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECT ACQUISITION; AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SAID MATTER FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007, AT 6:30 P. M.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, in the implementation of its Hurricane Lili Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Project No. 1437-109-001, has executed all necessary documents with the following property owners to acquire all structures and lands located at the address and for the amount stipulated below:

Owner(s): Mr. Kenneth Champagne
Ms. Mona Champagne

Address: 6103 Grand Caillou Road
Houma, Louisiana 70363

Appraised Value: $253,000.00

Offer Amount: $161,061.34

Legal Description: Tract 2B, Redivision of Property of K. Champagne

WHEREAS, the above listed property owners have agreed to the offer to purchase for the amounts stipulated.

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 is hereby given to adopt an ordinance to authorize the acquisition of structures and lands under the terms and conditions of the Terrebonne Parish Hurricane Lili Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Project No. 1437-109-001; to authorize the Parish President to execute any and all documents necessary to effect acquisition; and calling a public hearing on said matter for Wednesday, November 28, 2007, at 6:30 P. M.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: K. Elfert.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.

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Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded unanimously, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Community Development & Planning Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”
The Chairwoman called for the vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSENT:  K. Elfert.

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Christa M. Duplantis, Chairwoman
Suzette Thomas Minute Clerk

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Mr. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 11/12/07.”

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

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

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman called for a report on the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on 11/12/07, whereupon the Committee Vice-Chairwoman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls public hearings on 11/28/07, rendered the following:

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 12, 2007

The Vice Chairwoman, Teri C. Cavalier, called the Budget & Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by Minute Clerk Suzette Thomas and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Clerk Paul Labat. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, A. Tillman, C. Voisin, and A. Williams. Committee Member K. Elfert was recorded as absent. A quorum was declared present.

The Vice Chairwoman announced that Committee Chairwoman K. Elfert was unable to attend this evening’s committee meeting due to a mandatory business commitment.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 07-420

WHEREAS, prices were obtained through the Louisiana State Commodity Catalog by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the purpose of purchasing two (2) new Large Size, 4 Door Sedans (2007 Dodge Charger SE) for Terrebonne Parish Head Start under State Contract #406766, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by the Parish Administration it has been determined that the total price of Twenty-nine Thousand, Seven Hundred Eight Dollars ($29,708.00) from Southland Dodge Chrysler, Inc. for the purchase of two (2) new Large Size, 4 Door Sedans (2007 Dodge
Charger SE) should be accepted as per the State Contract Vehicle Catalog and under the provisions set forth in the Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 39:1710, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are budgeted and available in the 2007 Account Number 239-193-8914-01 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 Twenty-nine Thousand, Seven Hundred Eight Dollars ($29,708.00) as per the attached State Purchasing Contract Catalog.

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: K. Elfert.
The Vice Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of November, 2007.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to amend the 2007 Adopted Budget and the 5-Year Capital Outlay to adjust the Downtown Development Boardwalk Project and call a public hearing on said matter on November 28, 2007 at 6:30 p. m.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: K. Elfert.
The Vice Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. A. Williams, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to amend the 2007 Adopted Budget to reflect funding from FEMA for Federal Assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and call a public hearing on said matter on November 28, 2007 at 6:30 p. m.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: K. Elfert.
The Vice Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

A review of the proposed 2008 Budget began on the following departmental budgets:

a) Ward Court (Small Book Page 35, Large Book Page 17)– Chief Finance Officer Jamie Elfert presented the proposed 2008 Ward Court Budget, for which she noted that the Parish pays $325.00 per month for each Justice of the Peace and Constable and receives $100.00 per month in supplemental pay from the State for a total of $5,100.00 per year. In 2008, Mrs. Elfert stated that each of the Justices of the Peace and Constables are required to attend a mandatory “every other year” training session. She noted that the training would be held in February 2008 in Lake Charles, LA at a cost of $6,600.00. (NO ACTION TAKEN)
b) Health & Welfare (Mosquito Control) (Small Book Page 66, Large Book Page 46) - Chief Finance Officer Jamie Elfert stated that in the proposed 2008 Health & Welfare (Mosquito Control) Budget, Administration estimates that the cost of mosquito control would be $640,355.00 and the funding source would come from video poker revenue.

Committee Member C. Duplantis noted that she would submit information from the Mental Health Unit to the Administration for review and consideration. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

c) South Central Planning & Development Commission - Metropolitan Planning Organization Match (Small Book Page 68, Large Book Page 48) – Chief Finance Officer Jamie Elfert presented the highlights of the proposed 2008 South Central Planning & Development Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization match, for which she noted that SCP&DC receives $41,500.00 for regional membership; $7,500.00 for the Economic Development Regional Revolving Loan Fund; and $42,078.00 for the local match of Urban Systems Grant Administration. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

d) South Central Planning & Development Commission Membership Dues $49,000.00 (Small Book Page 68, Large Book Page 48) – Previously addressed. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

e) Revolving Loan Administration Fee $40,000.00 (Terrebonne Economic Development Authority administers) (Small Book Page 68, Large Book Page 48) – Previously addressed. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

f) Terrebonne Economic Development Authority (Small Book Page 68, Large Book Page 48 – Chief Finance Officer Jamie Elfert noted that on page 69 of the highlights of the proposed 2008 Terrebonne Economic Development Authority Budget, South Central Planning & Development Commission receives an administrative fee for the Regional Revolving Fund, but TEDA receives $40,000.00 for Terrebonne Parish’s Revolving Loan Fund. She continued that $660,310.00 has been requested from TEDA which represents 100% of the 50% collected from Occupational License Fees. Mrs. Elfert stated that in previous years, TEDA received $550,000.00 of the 50% and this year, TEDA is requesting 100%. In response to questioning, Mrs. Elfert explained that the increase is about $110,000.00 and that TEDA has approved the request.

Committee Member P. Rhodes inquired about the maximum funding amount allocated to TEDA being limited to $500,000.00 in the contractual agreement.

Parish Manager Barry Blackwell stated that he is unaware of any contractual funding limitation and noted that he believes the wording was “anything up to 50% of the collected value of the occupational license tax.”

Terrebonne Economic Development Authority Chief Executive Officer Michael Ferdinand stated that the Weatherford/GEMOCO Project has been successful and that Teda was able to secure approximately $1,200,000.00 infrastructure grants and identified other State and Federal Programs that provided for significant tax savings if the business is placed in service by 2008.

Mrs. Elfert interjected that in TEDA’s contract, the ordinance that created the occupational license tax funding dedication for economic development states that, “50% would be equally distributed between Terrebonne Parish and Economic Development; however, in the two-year contract with TEDA, the Parish agreed to $550,000.00. She continued that the contract is up for negotiation in 2008 and that Administration is recommending $660,000.00, which represents 100% of the 50%.
Committee Member C. Voisin expressed his concern with respect to the recommendation of additional funding prior to the contract with TEDA being negotiated.

Mrs. Elfert explained that the proposed funding is only the proposed budgeted amount and that Administration would present the contract at a later date for approval. She continued that Administration normally allocates the funding and then negotiates contracts afterward. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

g) Arts and Humanities (Small Book Page 196, Large Book Page 352) – Chief Finance Officer Jamie Elfert stated that Arts and Humanities Council administers a small grant that Terrebonne Parish provides $24,000.00 in funding that goes directly to local arts and crafts programs and $6,000.00 for the administration of the programs. She added the aforementioned funding is a supplement to funding received from the State’s Division of Arts. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

h) Library (Small Book Page 378) – The Vice Chairwoman noted that the proposed review of the 2008 Library Budget has been postponed until a later date. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

i) Terrebonne Council on Aging (Small Book Page 371) – Chief Finance Officer Jamie Elfert presented the proposed 2008 Terrebonne Council on Aging budget of which she noted that the Council on Aging receives an ad valorem tax through the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government. She continued that in 2008, it is estimated that the Council on Aging would receive $3,800,000.00 in revenue and noted that the Council on Aging adopts a separate budget and is recap on page 374 of the Parish’s budget. Mrs. Elfert stated that all of the Council on Aging’s other revenues are included in their budget recap of $5,800,000.00 of which $3,800,000.00 comes through Terrebonne Parish.

Committee Member A. Tillman questioned Council on Aging Executive Director Diana Edmonson regarding the Council on Aging Personnel Manual and the Executive Director serving as a member of the Personnel Review Board.

Mrs. Edmonson stated that the Council on Aging recently completed a revision of the Personnel Manual and requested that she be allowed to contact him tomorrow regarding the revision.

Committee Member A. Tillman requested that the Council on Aging provide him with a copy of the new Personnel Manual.

Upon additional questioning, Mrs. Edmonson stated that persons wishing to serve on the Council on Aging Board of Directors should call the Council on Aging secretary (Maria) and submit a resume. She continued that the Council on Aging General Membership Meeting would be held in December and noted that currently the Board of Directors is considering amending its by-laws to reduce its membership from fifteen members to eleven members. Mrs. Edmonson further explained that the general membership of the Council on Aging consists of any resident at least 18 years of age. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

j) Terrebonne Association of Retarded Citizens (Small Book Page 188, Large Book Page 340) - Chief Finance Officer Jamie Elfert presented the proposed 2008 Terrebonne Association of Retarded Citizens Budget, for which she noted that TARC receives an ad valorem tax through the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, which should generate $2,900,000.00 in 2008. She noted that the ad valorem tax was recently renewed for another 10 years, that the funding is transferred to TARC, and that TARC adopts a separate budget. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

k) Terrebonne Parish Port Administration and Marina (Small Book Page 363) – Chief Finance Officer Jamie Elfert presented the proposed 2008 Terrebonne Parish Port Administration and Marina Budget, for which she noted that the Port adopts a
Committee Member C. Duplantis requested that Administration consider evaluating the placement of “pooper scoopers and bags” next to the trash receptacles at the marina and the Maple Street Park in order to encourage dog owners to collect their pet’s waste. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

l) Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Protection Project (Small Book Pages 205 and 382, Large Book Page 366) – Chief Finance Officer Jaime Elfert stated that through the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government the Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Protection Project receives a .25-cent sales tax which is anticipated to generate $5,300,000.00 in 2008; that the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District has submitted a 5-Year Capital Outlay Budget (Page 383); and that the project would need $9,700,000.00 in funding for planned projects.

Committee Member H. Lapeyre expressed his thanks to the Congressional Delegation for overriding the President’s veto of the Water Resource Development Act (WRDA) and noted how crucial the bill was for Terrebonne Parish in order to provide hurricane protection. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Parish President Don Schwab recognized Terrebonne Association of Retarded Citizens’ new Executive Director – Ms. Mary Lynn Bisland.

Ms. Bisland thanked the Council and Administration for its support of TARC; noted the goal of TARC to provide services to their clients and their families; and added that TARC is anticipating the opening of a new Westside Thrift Store in February that would provide jobs for its clients. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Committee Member C. Duplantis wished Courier reporter Naomi King a “Happy Birthday.”

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Budget & Finance Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: K. Elfert.

The Vice Chairwoman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Teri C. Cavalier, Vice Chairwoman

Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

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Ms. T. Cavalier moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on 11/12/07.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. T. Cavalier.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, and A. Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: C. Voisin
Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council approve the following street light list:

INSTALL SEVEN (16) 100-W HPS STREETLIGHTS ON EXISTING POLES IN NEWLY ACCEPTED SUBDIVISION “THE PARKS AT SOUTHERN ESTATES”; ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1; ENTERGY; TERI CAVALIER

INSTALL ONE (1) 100-W HPS STREET LIGHT ON EXISTING POLE AT 4725 BAYOUSIDE DRIVE; ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 7; ENTERGY; PETER RHODES

INSTALL ONE (1) 175-WATT HPS STREET LIGHT ON EXISTING POLE AT 3963 GREATWOOD STREET, LOT 1, GRAY, LA; ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1; SLECA; ARLANDA WILLIAMS

INSTALL ONE (1) 175-WATT HPS STREET LIGHT ON EXISTING POLE AT 111 CAREY STREET IN GIBSON, LA; ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 2; SLECA; ARLANDA WILLIAMS

INSTALL ONE (1) 175-WATT HPS STREET LIGHT ON EXISTING POLE AT 2463 BAYOU DULARGE RD. (CHARLES LOVELL, JR.); ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 10; SLECA; CLAYTON VOISIN

INSTALL ONE (1) 150-WATT HPS STREET LIGHT ON EXISTING POLE AT 4003 COUNTRY DRIVE IN BOURG, LA (RED RIBBON AROUND THE POLE); ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 5; ENTERGY; PETE LAMBERT

INSTALL ONE (1) 150-WATT HPS STREET LIGHT ON EXISTING ENTERGY POLE BETWEEN 154 & 156 GRACE STREET; ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 3A; ENTERGY; KIM ELFERT.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS:  K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, and A. Williams

NAYS:  None

ABSENT:  C. Voisin

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, the Council approve attendance at the following meetings as per the current Council Travel Policy:

A) 2007 Police Jury Association Parish Officials Orientation Conference; Baton Rouge, La.; 12/6/07
B) Police Jury Association of Louisiana Annual Conference; February 21 – 23, 2008; Alexandria.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS:  K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, and A. Williams

NAYS:  None

ABSENT:  C. Voisin

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council accept the nomination of Lt. John Chapman for the vacant position on the Houma Fire and Police Municipal Civil Service Board due to resignation and that Lt. Chapman be temporarily appointed to fill the unexpired term and that he also be appointed to a full term once he has completed the unexpired term.”
The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. H. Lapeyre.

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

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, the Council hold nominations open for the vacancy on the Downtown Development Corporation.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, and A. Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: P. Rhodes

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, “THAT, the Council appoint Mr. Ricky Giroir, Sr. to vacancy on the Village East Fire Protection District Board.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, and A. Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: P. Rhodes

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council appoint Mr. Brian S. Dennis to replace Mrs. Carol Milwater (who has moved) on the Terrebonne Parish Youth Services Board.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, and A. Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council hold nominations open an additional 2 weeks for the 2 expired terms (1 member does not wish to be re-appointed and the other has not responded) on the Coastal Zone Management and Restoration Advisory Committee.”

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

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

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council hold nominations open an additional 2 weeks for the vacancy (due to a resignation) on the Consolidated Waterworks District No. 1 Board.”

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

Upon questioning by Councilman P. Rhodes, Parish Attorney C. Alcock stated that she had spoken with the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District legal counsel yesterday afternoon, but she had sent information to the District last month regarding the Porche property. She stated she contacted the legal counsel to determine if they had a chance to review the information.

Councilman P. Rhodes stated that the Council recently unanimously approved that Administration proceed with installing the culvert on the Porche Property and expressed concern regarding the delayed action.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, “THAT, the Council address the Porche Property Culvert in committee in 2 weeks and allow the Levee District’s legal counsel to respond to some of the affidavits that were received regarding the matter.”

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

No action was necessary on agenda item 8A – Information List.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams and Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council concur with Administration to cosponsor the ‘Convoy of Hope’ event to be held at the Civic Center on 11/27/07.”

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

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin and Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council introduce an ordinance to amend the 2007 Budget to recognize funding for La. Highway Safety Commission Grant and calling a public hearing on 11/28/07 at 6:30 p.m.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.
Ms. C. Duplantis, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, the Council accept the following Monthly Engineering Reports:

A) GSE Associates, Inc.
B) Milford & Associates, Inc.
C) T. Baker Smith, Inc.”

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

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis. UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

VENITA H. WHITNEY
MINUTE CLERK

ATTEST:

/S/ALVIN TILLMAN
ALVIN TILLMAN, CHAIRMAN
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL

/S/PAUL A. LABAT
PAUL A. LABAT, COUNCIL CLERK
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL