The Chairman, Mr. C. Voisin, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room. Following the Invocation, led by Councilman P. Rhodes, Councilman A. Tillman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call, Council Members recorded as present were: A. Tillman, W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert, A quorum was declared present.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council approve the minutes of the Regular Council Session held on 9/8/04.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis and Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Council approve the Parish Bill List dated 10/11/04.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: W. Thibodeaux

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, the Council approve the Parish Manual Check List for August 2004.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

WHEREAS, Livestock and Agriculture Fairs are held throughout the United States for generations as a means of providing quality, family entertainment and for reminding everyone of the history of our great country, and

WHEREAS, exhibits and judging at said fairs contribute much to the fabric of life in the community by encouraging those who participate, especially the young people, to improve of their skills in their chosen events, and

WHEREAS, those who attend Livestock and Agriculture Fairs cross all social, economic and cultural backgrounds and are enjoyed by literally all those who attend, and

WHEREAS, rodeos are truly an American sport, having evolved from the everyday life of the working cowboys in the post-Civil War era of the great cattle drives, and

WHEREAS, the men and women who contribute their time, money and skills are our friends and neighbors and are deserving of our support.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Parish President and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the week of October 10 – 17, 2004 be proclaimed “Fair and Rodeo Week” in the Parish of Terrebonne, and that everyone be urged to participate in this worthwhile event.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 13th day of October, 2004.

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The Chairman recognized Ms. Kathy Bice, President of Terrebonne Livestock, who accepted the proclamation, thanked the Council and Parish President, and introduced the following Livestock’s 2004 Queens:

Lead Line Queen – Ms. Mary Quick
Little Miss Queen – Ms. Kaley Woodard
Pee Wee Queen – Ms. Jamie Pierce
Junior Queen – Ms. Nicole Gaudet
Senior Queen – Ms. Jessica Brew (not present)

The Chairman recognized Mr. Dan Davis, representing the Terrebonne Livestock Association, the Krewe of Hercules, and Cerebral Palsey of Louisiana, who expressed his concerns relative to the condition of the airbase arena and facility on which the livestock events are held. He stated that Terrebonne Livestock Association is willing to put together a Grounds
Enhancement Committee to prioritize the immediate needs. He requested any assistance the Parish could provide.

Councilwoman C. Duplantis expressed what great asset rodeos provide to the youth of the Parish and suggested that the Airport Commission be approached to help provide some assistance to enhance the grounds and facility at the Airbase.

Councilman P. Rhodes stated that he has been searching for ways to enhance the facility and grounds on the Airbase where the Livestock fairs and rodeos are held. He stated that he will work very hard in finding ways to provide the much-needed improvements, but the Parish Government’s budget is very limited.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, the Council deviate from the agenda to take agenda item 7A1 (Proposed closure of the East Houma Fire Station) out of order to discuss this matter at this time.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized the following individuals from East Houma who expressed their opposition to the proposed closure of the East Houma Fire Station:

- Pastor Howard Smith, Jr., Resident Baptist Church on Isaac Street – expressed his concerns relative to detriment the closure of the East Houma Fire Station would place on the community.
- Mr. Kevin Thompson – Evelyn Avenue resident and local attorney - presented petitions from residents opposing the closure of the East Houma Fire Station.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert and Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council formally accept the petitions from East Houma residents who expressed their opposition to the closure of the East Houma Fire Station.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. Kevin Thompson stated that he believes that the East Houma Fire Station services a much larger population than the East Park Fire Station. He expressed his concerns relative to the increase in traffic in Houma at peak times and the possible delay in response time the closure of the East Houma Station could impose.
Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council extend Mr. Kevin Thompson’s time an additional three minutes.”

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.

Mr. Kevin Thompson suggested that there are other ways to confining the budget without closing the East Houma Fire Station.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council extend the time to open public hearings until the matter regarding the proposed closure of the East Houma Fire Station is complete.”

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 continued recognizing the following East Houma residents opposing the closure of the East Houma Fire Station:

- Mr. Henry Randolph, Truman Street resident and former City of Houma Fire Fighter – stated that the East Houma Fire Service area has more homes than the East Park Fire Service area and the majority of them are wood framed. He stated that it makes more sense to close the East Park Fire Station down than East Houma.

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman and Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council extend Mr. Henry Randolph’s time an additional three minutes.”

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.

Mr. Henry Randolph offered alternatives on other ways to curtail the Houma Fire Department’s expenses instead of closing the East Houma Fire Station down.

- Ms. Suzette Thomas, East Houma resident – Expressed her concerns relative to the viable and needed fire protection services for the residents in East Houma that the East Houma Fire Station provides. She expressed her concerns for a possible delay in response time in the event of rush hour traffic, bridge closures, or an accident in the Tunnel the closure of that station could have.

Councilman A. Tillman expressed his concerns relative to a Comprehensive Analysis of the City of Houma Fire Department that recommended that the East Park Fire Station could be closed without adversely impacting the present fire rating and the reassignment of the crew to other stations would reduce operational expenses.

Upon questioning by Councilman A. Tillman, Parish President D. Schwab stated that he is aware of the Comprehensive Analysis of the City of Houma Fire Department, but is not aware it contained a recommendation to close East Park Fire Station.

Upon further questioning by Councilman A. Tillman, Parish Manager B. Blackwell stated that as a result of the recommendation from the Comprehensive Analysis of the City of Houma Fire Department that East Park Fire Station and the recommendations of the Houma Fire Chief, he met with a representative of the Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL), who has been grading the fire rating for the City of Houma for the last fifteen years. The representative indicated that either the East Park or East Houma Fire Station could be closed without detrimental impact. He stated that he indicated that by closure of one station, the rating would actually rise because of the number of fire persons that would be located per station. He stated that the relocation of the South Houma Fire Station, because of the population shift further along the Highway 311 corridor, would be a benefit to the future potential rating.

Councilman A. Tillman stated that he hopes there would be a way to keep both the East Houma and East Park Fire Stations open, but if one has to be closed he would ask that the recommendation of the study performed be implemented to close the East Park Fire Station.

Upon further questioning by Councilman A. Tillman, Parish Manager B. Blackwell stated that Administration’s primary goal is to recognize the value of PIAL’s assessment in trying to help communities improve their overall firefighting capabilities. He stated that PIAL has been consistent in indicating the need for the fifth fire station in the City of Houma needs to be eliminated.

Councilman A. Tillman requested that Administration find some way to keep East Houma Fire Station and East Park Fire Station open, but if one is closed to follow the recommendation of the report that was paid for by the Parish.

Parish Manager B. Blackwell clarified that nowhere in the Fire Chief’s recommendation for restructure from going to five to four stations does it have any mention of a firefighter loosing their job. He stated that PIAL is telling us that giving the size of this City, the most appropriate thing to do on behalf of the citizens and firefighters safety is to consolidate the stations, place more firefighters at fewer stations so that when that first truck arrives at a fire call there are more human resources to combat the fires.

Councilman A. Tillman expressed his concerns relative to the Fire Chief indicating that if a station is not closed, that firefighters would have to be laid off.

Parish Manager B. Blackwell stated that Administration would never recommend keeping five fire stations open and reducing the number of fireman because it would put the firemen in jeopardy.

Councilman A. Tillman expressed his concerns relative to not having any documentation from PIAL that indicated the position Mr. Blackwell spoke about.
Upon questioning by Councilman A. Tillman, Parish Manager B. Blackwell stated that Administration supports the recommendation of the City of Houma Fire Chief to close the East Houma Fire Station.

Councilwoman K. Elfert instructed the Council Clerk to make sure the Council Members receive a copy of the Comprehensive Analysis of the City of Houma Fire Department Councilman Tillman spoke about. She also requested Administration to request the representative of PIAL to come before the Council to answer questions regarding the matter at hand.

Chairman C. Voisin acknowledged that former Council Member Garyland Wallis and former School Board Member Leroy Lyons were present in the audience.

A discussion ensued relative to the proposed closure of the East Houma Fire Station.

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

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

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. The proposed 2005 Operations and Maintenance Budget of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and the 5-Year Capital Outlay Budget, as presented by the Parish President

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

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. W. Thibodeaux, “THAT, the Council continue the public hearing until October 27, 2004 on the proposed 2005 Operations and Maintenance Budget of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and the 5-Year Capital Outlay Budget, as presented by the Parish President.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: A. Tillman and C. Duplantis

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

B. A proposed ordinance to amend the boundaries of Fire Protection District No. 4A
There were no comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

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

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: A. Tillman and C. Duplantis

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The ordinance having been introduced at a meeting held on September 8, 2004, was offered for final adoption by Mr. Peter Rhodes and seconded by Mr. Harold Lapeyre.

ORDINANCE NO. 6919

An ordinance providing for the amendment and change of the boundaries of Fire Protection District No. 4-A of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Part I, Chapter 7, Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto (the "Act") authorizes the Terrebonne Parish Council of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "Council") to amend and change the boundaries of fire protection districts in the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, this Parish Council adopted a resolution on September 8, 2004, giving notice of intention to change or amend the boundaries of the District and giving notice of a hearing on said matter to be held on October 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, said hearing was held on October 13, 2004, at which hearing no one objected to the proposed change or amendment to said boundaries;

WHEREAS, this Council now proposes to amend and change the boundaries of Fire Protection District 4-A of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the “District”).

NOW, BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), that:

SECTION 1. The boundaries of the District are hereby amended and changed and shall hereafter comprise and embrace all of that territory within Ward No. 4 of the Parish of Terrebonne, Louisiana, as presently constituted, LESS AND EXCEPT that portion of said Ward No. 4 which is also within the boundaries and corporate limits of the City of Houma, Louisiana, as presently constituted.

SECTION 2. That due notice of the change or amendment of the boundaries of the District shall be published in accordance with law, and that the Chairman of this Parish Council be and he is hereby instructed and ordered to issue notice of the change or amendment of the boundaries of the District and to cause publication thereof to be made in accordance with the requirements of Part 1, Chapter 7, Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be effective immediately.
THIS ORDINANCE HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:


NAYS:  NONE.

ABSENT:  Alvin Tillman and Christa Duplantis.


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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

C. The proposed condemnation of property located at 217 Fairlane Drive

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

Upon questioning by Councilman W. Thibodeaux, Planning & Zoning Director P. Gordon stated that it doesn’t appear that the owner of the aforementioned property has performed much work on the property; therefore he anticipates at the next meeting to recommend tearing it down.

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council continue the public hearing on the proposed condemnation of property located at 217 Fairlane Drive to the October 25, 2004 Special Session for condemnations.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS:  W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS:  None

ABSTAINING:  None

ABSENT:  A. Tillman and C. Duplantis

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

D. A proposed ordinance that will amend the 2004 Parish Budget to address various items as contained therein

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

Mr. P. Rhodes 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 Mr. P. Rhodes.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS:  W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS:  None
ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: A. Tillman and C. Duplantis

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.
SECONDED BY: Ms. K. Elfert.

ORDINANCE NO. 6920

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2004 ADOPTED BUDGET OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT FOR VARIOUS ITEMS AS EXPLAINED BELOW AND TO AMEND THE 5-YEAR CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, TPCG has been awarded $662,670 by DOTD for the Forced Drainage Project 1-1A, and

WHEREAS, this project is for the channel excavation from Barrow Street to Polk Street, which is Phase I of SPN 576-55-0015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2004 Adopted Budget and the 5-Year Capital Outlay of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended as follows:

FUND 655 – PARISHWIDE DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION FUND

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SECTION II

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council has approved Resolution No. 04-215 authorizing the Parish President to execute DNR Cooperative Agreement No. 2503-02-13 concerning Parish Coastal Wetlands Restoration Project, and

WHEREAS, the amount of $36,000 is approved for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended as follows:

FUND 659 – CAPITAL PROJECTS CONTROL FUND

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**SECTION III**

WHEREAS, FEMA has approved TPCG’s request for a scope change to the Acquisition/Elevation Project – Project #1437-109-0001, and

WHEREAS, an additional amount of $3,523,333 is approved for this change order for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2004 Adopted Budget of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended as follows:

**FUND 213 – HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FUND**

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<td>Lili/Isadore Hazard Mitigation</td>
<td>&lt;$3,500,000.00&gt;</td>
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**SECTION IV**

WHEREAS, the HUD Head Start Revenue was transposed upon adoption and requires an adjustment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2004 Adopted Budget of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended as follows:

**FUND 239 – HUD HEAD START PROGRAM FUND**

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<td>Fund Balance (Increase)</td>
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**SECTION V**

WHEREAS, there is a new allocation for the Law Enforcement Grant (Violence Against Women and Street Sales Disruption Unit) for the Fiscal Year 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2004 Adopted Budget of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended as follows:

**FUND 216 – OJP – LCLE FUND**

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**FUND 204 – PUBLIC SAFETY FUND**

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204-211-8172-13 Salaries Allocated <$1,182.00>
204-211-8172-15 Salaries Allocated <$20,504.00>
204-211-8172-16 Fringes Allocated <$116,227.00>
204-000-5111-00 Fund Balance (Increase) $137,913.00

SECTION VI

WHEREAS, TPCG has been awarded $577,247 by DOTD for the Agnes Street Area Drainage Improvement (Project No. 02-DRA-36), and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 04-3156 was adopted authorizing the Parish President to execute any and all matters relative to this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2004 Adopted Budget and the 5-Year Capital Outlay of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended as follows:

FUND 655 – PARISHWIDE DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION FUND

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SECTION VII

WHEREAS, FEMA has approved funding for a project for Acquisition/Elevation of Structures Project No. FMA 03-109-0001, and

WHEREAS, the project has been approved in the amount of $154,500 while the homeowners’ share is $51,500, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 6911 approved the amount of $154,50 from FEMA, however the homeowners’ share of $51,500 needs to be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2004 Adopted Budget and the 5-Year Capital Outlay of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended as follows:

FUND 223 – FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE FUND

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SECTION VIII

WHEREAS, FEMA has approved funding for a project for Acquisition/Elevation of Structures Project No. 1437-109-0001, and

WHEREAS, the project has been approved in the amount of $18,198,000 including the homeowners’ share of $4,521,992, and

WHEREAS, the homeowners’ share is required to be reflected in the Parish Financial Statement and related Budgets.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2004 Adopted Budget and the 5-Year Capital Outlay of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended as follows:

FUND 213 – HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FUND

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SECTION IX

WHEREAS, the 2040 Group Insurance Benefits were adopted with the anticipation of a 20% increase, and

WHEREAS, the distribution to absorb this increase was a reduction in benefits, an increase in both the employee and employer contribution, and

WHEREAS, the result decreased the anticipated medical claims and decreased the premium revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2004 Adopted Budget and the 5-Year Capital Outlay of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended as follows:

FUND 357 – GROUP INSURANCE FUND

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SECTION II

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

SECTION III

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

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: A. Tillman and C. Duplantis.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 13th day of October, 2004.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

E. A proposed ordinance to establish a “No Parking: Tow Away Zone” along Regal Row

Council Clerk P. Labat stated that the Council received a letter from the Historical Society which said that the organization has tried to eliminate parking along Regal Row when they had a special event, but is not asking for action either way.

Councilman P. Rhodes expressed his concerns relative to South Central Planning’s report of the vicinity indicating that additional signs would not solve the problem.

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

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

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Lambert

NAYS: P. Rhodes

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: A. Tillman and C. Duplantis

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6921

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARISH CODE OF TERREBONNE PARISH, CHAPTER 18, SECTION 18-223 TO ESTABLISH A "NO PARKING – TOW AWAY ZONE” ON BOTH SIDES OF A PORTION OF REGAL ROW; 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 Codes of Terrebonne Parish, Chapter 18, Section 18-223 to create a “NO PARKING – TOW AWAY” zone along both sides of that portion of Regal Row between Museum Drive and Regency Lane, as follows:

CHAPTER 18, Motor Vehicles and Traffic
ARTICLE V, Stopping, Standing and Parking
DIVISION II, Parish
SECTION 18-223, “No Parking Zones”

Both sides of Regal Row between Museum Drive and Regency Lane shall hereby be declared “No Parking – Tow Away Zones” and appropriate “No Parking – Tow Away Zone” signs shall be erected and maintained along said roadways. Any vehicle traveling on that portion of Regal Row 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:  P. Rhodes.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  A. Tillman and C. Duplantis.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 13th day of October, 2004.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

F. A proposed ordinance authorizing the revocation of dedication of a right-of-way for Acklen Avenue from Highway 24 to Bayou Terrebonne, and to retain a 20’ drainage right-of-way in the center of Acklen Avenue

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

Mr. W. Thibodeaux 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. W. Thibodeaux.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS:  W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS:  None

ABSTAINING:  None

ABSENT:  A. Tillman and C. Duplantis

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. W. Thibodeaux.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. H. Lapeyre & Mr. P. Lambert.

ORDINANCE NO. 6922
AN ORDINANCE TO REVOKE THE DEDICATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR ACKLEN AVENUE FROM HIGHWAY 24 TO BAYOU TERREBONNE AND RETAIN A 20’ DRAINAGE RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE CENTER OF ACKLEN AVENUE; 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 vested in it by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, and pursuant to the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government, that it revoke the dedication of right-of-way for Acklen Avenue from Highway 24 to Bayou Terrebonne and retain a 20’ drainage right-of-way in the center of Acklen Avenue.

SECTION II

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

SECTION III

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

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: A. Tillman and C. Duplantis.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 13th day of October, 2004.

Upon questioning by Councilman W. Thibodeaux, Planning & Zoning Director P. Gordon stated that the adjacent property owner of the aforementioned property has been maintaining it for some time now and was the one who requested the revocation of the dedication of the right-of-way. He stated that the Parish does have a drainage servitude that is being retained and the rest is being released.

The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

G. A proposed ordinance to declare Lot 15, Block 4 of Addendum No. 2 to A. J. Authement Subdivision #2 (Orange Street in Dulac) as surplus property and to authorize the disposal of same

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

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.” *(MOTION VOTED ON AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION.)*

Upon questioning by Councilman P. Rhodes, Comptroller J. Elfert stated that a resident close to the aforementioned property on Orange Street contacted the Parish who expressed
interest in purchasing the property and because the Parish had no need for it the property was decided to be sold for surplus.

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS:  W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, H. Lapayre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS:  None

ABSTAINING:  None

ABSENT:  A. Tillman and C. Duplantis

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6923

An ordinance declaring Lot 15, Block 4, Addendum 2 to A.J. Authement Subdivision #2, Orange Street, Dulac, Louisiana, owned by Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government as surplus property, 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, that property owned by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, described as Lot 15, Block 4 Addendum 2 to A. J. Authement Subdivision #2, Orange Street, Dulac, Louisiana, and depicted on the attached plat, which is made a part hereof, is hereby declared surplus.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that Administration be hereby authorized to dispose of the property for the appraised value of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($3,000.00).

SECTION II

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

SECTION III

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

SECTION IV

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

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: W. Thibodeaux.

ABSTAINING: P. Rhodes.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 13th day of October, 2004.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

H. A proposed ordinance consolidated the Houma Zoning Commission and the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission

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

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

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: A. Tillman

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6924

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PARISH CODE OF TERREBONNE PARISH, STATE OF LOUISIANA, CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE VI REPEALING SAID SECTION AND AMENDING SECTION IV TO CONSOLIDATED THE HOUMA-TERREBONNE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE ZONING COMMISSION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has the right, power and authority, pursuant to Article 6, §17 of the Louisiana Constitution, to regulate planning, zoning and land use in Terrebonne Parish, and

WHEREAS, the duly elected Parish Council of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government believes it is in the best interest of a consolidated government to provide a single body to regulate planning, zoning and land use and desires to amend and reenact the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission to provide for a new appointment procedure and to consolidate the functions of the Zoning Commission into the planning commission, and

WHEREAS, with the adoption of the master plan for Terrebonne Parish, “Planning for the Good Earth,” the ability to comprehensively and uniformly consider development in relation to the goals, objectives, and strategies of the Plan can be best achieved through the deliberations and recommendations of one (1) administrative mechanism.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that:
SECTION I

Article VI of Chapter 20 of the Terrebonne Parish Code is repealed.

SECTION II

Chapter 20, Article IV is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 20-71. Definition.
As used in this article, "commission" shall mean the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission.

Sec. 20-72. Regional commission created.
There is hereby created the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission under the authority granted in R.S. 33:131 through 33:140.

State law references: Creation of regional planning commissions, R.S. 33:131.

Sec. 20-73. Members and Terms

1. Members
   (a) The commission shall consist of nine (9) members, who shall be ratified by the Terrebonne Parish Council.
   (b) The members of the commission shall be resident electors of Terrebonne Parish.
   (c) The members of the commission shall be appointed and ratified as follows:
      i. The Parish President shall appoint two commissioners subject to confirmation by the Parish Council. The Parish President shall appoint one resident of that portion of the parish north of the Intracoastal Canal and one resident of the portion of the parish south of the canal. At least one of the Parish president’s appointees shall be female. The Parish Council shall have thirty days after receipt of a president's appointment to confirm or reject an appointee. An appointee shall be deemed confirmed if the Council fails to act within the thirty days.
      ii. The Parish Council shall appoint seven commissioners. At least one of the Council’s appointments shall be African–American and at least two of the Council’s appointments shall be residents of the City of Houma.

2. Terms
   (a) The terms of the commissioners appointed by the Parish President shall be concurrent with the president's term.

   (b) The term of a commissioner appointed by the Parish Council shall be five years except for the initial terms which shall be as follows: one commissioner shall serve an initial term of one year, one an initial term of two years, one an initial term of three years, two an initial term of four years, and two an initial term of five years, all as determined by lot at the first meeting of the board.

   (c) A vacancy in an unexpired term shall be filled for the remainder of the term in the manner of the original appointment.

   (d) The terms of all existing members of the current Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission and the zoning commission, serving on the effective date of this ordinance, shall expire on such date except that members of the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission serving on such date shall continue to serve until the Parish Council Chairman determines that at least eight members have been appointed in accordance with this Article and are qualified. When at least eight members have been appointed and qualified pursuant to this Article, the Parish Council Chairman shall call an organizational meeting of the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission.

Sec. 20-74. Per diem; powers; fees.
a) All commission members, including those who receive no compensation for any other public elected or appointive office on which they may serve, may be paid a per diem of fifty dollars ($50.00) for each attendance at regular or specifically called meeting of the commission or the executive committee thereof, in no event to exceed two (2) such meetings per month, i.e. in no event is payment of a total per diem per such member to exceed one hundred dollars ($100.00) per month, payable out of the funds of the commission. Any member who holds other appointive or elective office for which compensation is paid may not receive per diem for service on the commission.

(b) In general, the commission shall have such powers as may be necessary to enable it to fulfill its functions, to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Parish through the implementation of all planning, zoning and other land use controls adopted in pursuit thereof. Such powers shall include but are not limited to the preparation, revision, amendment, or extension of a plan or plans for the development of the regional planning area. Such plan or plans shall be based on studies of the physical, social, economic, and governmental conditions and trends, and shall aim at the coordinated development of the area within the planning region.

(c) If it becomes necessary to increase fees charged by the commission as a result of depleted funds due to the payment of the aforementioned per diem, approval by the parish council must be obtained prior to the implementation of any and all such increased charges.

Sec. 20-75. Regional planning area.

The regional planning area boundaries shall be the boundaries of the parish.

Sec. 20-76. Service as parish and municipal planning commission.

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 33:137, the commission is hereby designated as the parish and municipal planning commission and, as such, shall have and exercise, as to and within the area defined in subsection (b), all of the power and authority vested in a parish and municipal planning commission by R.S. 33:101 et seq.

(b) The area within which the commission may exercise such jurisdiction and powers is defined as all of the parish including the incorporated area of the City of Houma.

(c) Any exercise of jurisdiction by the commission within that area defined as the incorporated area of the City of Houma, prior to the effective date of this section, is hereby ratified and declared to be valid.

(d) Nothing herein shall affect or limit those powers and functions granted to the parish government and council by any provision of this Code including, but not limited to, sections 24-31 through 24-36, nor any acts done by the parish government and council in furtherance thereof.

Sec. 20-77. Service as parish zoning and land use commission.

(a) The commission shall serve as the zoning and land use commission for the City of Houma and any other part of the parish where zoning and land use authority is exercised.

(b) The commission shall hold separate meetings and keep separate minutes and records when serving as the zoning and land use commission.

(c) When acting as the zoning and land use commission, the commission shall hold whatever meetings are necessary, shall adopt rules for the transaction of business, and shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, findings and determinations, which shall be a public record.

(d) The commission shall have for its purpose, as the zoning and land use commission, the promotion of health, safety, morals and the general welfare of the community, and the commission may regulate the height, number of stories and size of structures, the percentage of lot that may be occupied, the size of yards, courts and other open spaces, the density of population and the location and use of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, residence or other purposes.
Sec. 20-75. Appeals.

With the exception of those appeal rights specifically granted to the Board of Adjustment in Chapter 28 of this Code, appeals from decisions of the commission shall be to the Council in accordance with applicable procedures.

Sec. 20-76. Ratification.

Any exercise of jurisdiction by and all acts of the former Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission and the former Zoning Commission prior to the effective date of this section are hereby ratified and declared to be valid.

SECTION III

All references to the Zoning Commission in the Terrebonne Parish Code shall be replaced with the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission.

SECTION IV

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 V

This ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the Parish President.

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  C. Voisin and P. Lambert.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  A. Tillman.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 13th day of October, 2004.

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Council Clerk P. Labat stated that if the Houma-Terrebonne Planning Commission and Zoning Commission are combined he will send out notices to the present members of both commissions advising them of openings on the new board for November 3, 2004.

The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

I. A proposed ordinance that will establish a “10-Ton Weight Limit” on the entire length of Imperial Drive

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

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

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

YEAS: W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: A. Tillman

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6925

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARISH CODE OF TERREBONNE PARISH, CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION II, SECTION 18-127 TO ESTABLISH A “10 TON WEIGHT LIMIT ZONE” ON THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF IMPERIAL DRIVE; 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 Codes of Terrebonne Parish, Chapter 18, Article IV, Division II, Section 18-127 to create a “10 TON WEIGHT LIMIT” zone on the entire length of Imperial Drive, as follows:

CHAPTER 18, Motor Vehicles and Traffic
ARTICLE IV, Operation of Vehicles
DIVISION II, Parish
SECTION 18-127, “Weight Restrictions – Ten Tons”

The entire length of Imperial Drive shall hereby be declared “10 Ton Weight Limit Zones” and appropriate “10 Ton Weight Limit” signs shall be erected and maintained along said roadway. Any vehicle traveling on Imperial Drive 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: A. Tillman.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 13th day of October, 2004.

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Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “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:

YEAS: W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: A. Tillman

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Ms. T. Cavalier.

SECONDED: Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-343

WHEREAS, Governor Kathleen B. Blanco has approved Louisiana’s participation in and celebration of National Disability Employment Awareness Month during the month of October, and

WHEREAS, in celebration of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) organizers have put together a Job Fair for the Houma/Thibodaux region to be held on October 20, 2004 at the Evergreen Cajun Center located at 4694 West Main in Houma, and

WHEREAS, this Job Fair will provide participating businesses the opportunity to promote their businesses, have access to qualified applicants and create a diverse workforce, and

WHEREAS, there are three federal tax incentives available to help businesses offset the cost of accommodations for employees with disabilities and to make their places of business accessible for employees and/or customers with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, it has been shown that individuals with disabilities seeking employment make loyal employees willing to work hard to keep their jobs and to fulfill the ambitions of their employers, and

WHEREAS, there are compelling reasons to hire people with disabilities, including the fact that employees with disabilities possess valuable skills such as dependability, dedication, productivity, strong work ethic and safe work habits, and
WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government wishes to promote the hiring of workers with disabilities throughout the Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Parish President and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby proclaim the month of October, 2004 as “National Disability Employment Awareness Month” throughout Terrebonne Parish, and urges its citizens and businesses to duly recognize, applaud and hire disabled employees, thus promoting diversity and opportunity in the local workforce.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 13th day of October, 2004.

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Councilwoman T. Cavalier encouraged employers to participate in the Disability Employment Program because disabled persons make very dedicated employees.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-344

WHEREAS, long time Parish Employee Donald Campbell has decided to begin his well earned retirement after over two decades as an employee of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, and

WHEREAS, among his other duties, Mr. Campbell was responsible for delivering the mail, packages and equipment to the various offices of the Parish Government, and

WHEREAS, due to his daily visits to the various offices of the government and to his outgoing personality, Mr. Campbell became a friend and confidant to many Parish employees, and

WHEREAS, although the announcement of Mr. Campbell’s retirement did not come as a complete surprise, it caused many employees to realize that they are losing the daily visit from a good friend.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Parish President and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the contributions and hard work of Mr. Donald Campbell be publicly acknowledged, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Campbell be wished the best in his retirement years and that he enjoy the rewards of his efforts in the work place.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 13th day of October, 2004.

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The Chairman recognized Mr. Donald Campbell, who thanked the Council and Parish President for the commendation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-345

A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 16, SECTIONS 16-27 AND 16-30 OF THE PARISH CODE OF TERREBONNE PARISH RELATIVE TO AN INCREASE IN THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAX TO DOUBLE THE CURRENT RATE, AND CALLING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON SAID MATTER.

WHEREAS, the current occupational license tax paid by entities doing business in Terrebonne Parish is much lower than the rate allowed by state law, and

WHEREAS, during previous public hearings on the topic, it was clear that the proposal to increase the occupational license tax to the maximum level allowed by state law was not acceptable to the businesses of this parish at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that an ordinance is hereby introduced which will amend Article II, Chapter 16, Sections 16-27 and 16-30 of the Parish Code of Terrebonne Parish relative to an increase in the occupational license tax to double the current rate and that the total proceeds of the tax be dedicated equally between economic development efforts in Terrebonne Parish and the Parish General Fund; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that three public hearings on said ordinance be called for Monday, October 18, Wednesday, October 20, and Wednesday, October 27, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: P. Rhodes.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 13th day of October, 2004.

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Councilman P. Rhodes expressed his concerns relative to investing any new funds into economic development when there is the need to address other priorities that have budget constraints.

Councilman H. Lapeyre expressed his concerns relative to Terrebonne Economic Development Association (TEDA) having the ability to expropriate property and suggested some type of override mechanism over the final decision to expropriate property.

Councilman W. Thibodeaux stated that all the funds collected from the aforementioned proposal to increase the Occupational License Tax will be directed to TPCG, half of which will be dedicated to economic development – which does not tie the government’s hands as to what economic development is.
Parish President D. Schwab agreed with the proposal being presented and stated that when the public hearings are held the public will let the government know if they agree also.

A discussion ensued relative to the current proposal being considered to double the Occupational License Tax instead of the original ordinance that was proposed which would have increased the license fees at a much higher rate, to help fund economic development, and the financial situation of the Parish’s budget.

Chairman C. Voisin stated that agenda item 1E (Amendment to the local Services Agreement between the Parish Government and the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District) was being pulled at this time. Chairman Voisin also stated that agenda item 2A (Mr. Ernie Dardar wishing to address the Council relative to the upcoming “Swamp Pop Festival” at the Grand Bois Campsite) was being pulled because the festival has been cancelled. Chairman Voisin called for Mr. R. P. Guidry, Suthon Avenue resident, who was listed on the agenda to address the Council relative to chemicals used for spraying and TEDA, but Mr. Guidry had left the proceedings.

At this time, 8:30 p.m., Councilman A. Tillman was recorded as leaving the proceedings.

The Chairman recognized Honorable Gene Bonvillain, Terrebonne Parish Assessor, who explained the process that takes place in granting homestead exemptions. Mr. Bonvillain took issue with a series of articles that contained numerous errors that was published last year in “The Courier” regarding homestead exemptions. Mr. Bonvillain continued that the La. Tax Commission has a series of hearings and they determine the rules and regulations all the assessor’s throughout the State have to abide by. He stated that they have made the following decisions on two matters he feels is catastrophic to Terrebonne Parish: 1) Dropping the floor on oil and gas producing properties in Terrebonne Parish to 33%, which could result in a 24 to 28 million dollar reduction in assessments in Terrebonne Parish; and 2) Changing the oil in the tanks in the field as exempt from assessed value – which will result in a million dollar loss in assessments. He requested the Council to consider the adoption of a resolution asking the Governor to stop this tax giveaway. He stated he will also request the School Board, every fire district, and every recreation district to adopt a similar resolution to send to the Governor. He stated he has already contacted Terrebonne Parish’s Legislative Delegation regarding these matters.

Chairman C. Voisin instructed the Council Clerk to prepare the appropriate resolution for the next set of committee meetings regarding assessments for Council consideration.

Upon questioning by Chairman C. Voisin, Assessor Gene Bonvillain stated that he is a member of the Oil and Gas Committee, which will meet this Friday, and he anticipates they will attempt to go to the Court of Public Opinion regarding this matter. Mr. Bonvillain stated that he feels it is really ironic that the La. Tax Commission chose at this time to reduce oil and gas producing properties by 33% throughout the State of Louisiana when they are making a record high averaging $40.00 a barrel of oil throughout 2004. Upon questioning by Parish Manager B. Blackwell Mr. Bonvillain stated that the reduction or benefit to the oil and gas companies would take affect in 2005.

Parish Manager B. Blackwell stressed the importance of the taxpayers understanding the consequences that could transpire if these reductions take place with everything that has been discussed relative to reassessment of property values that the public has been questioning will literally be wiped out by these tax breaks. He stated that the re-assessed value was going to contribute approximately 3 to 3.5 millions dollars overall to TPCG and other entities, but if the issues Mr. Bonvillain raised take place, it totals almost every bit of that entire amount.

Councilman P. Rhodes requested that the Police Jury Association be included in the resolution requesting their support.

Council Clerk P. Labat stated that he will also include the Louisiana Municipal Association in the resolution and suggested that the fire districts and recreation districts and the PACE organization which the Parish President belongs to for coastal parishes send letters to the Governor.

The Chairman recognized Mr. C. J. Stoufflet, Jean Ellen Avenue resident, who expressed his concerns relative to a plan to partially re-open Percy Avenue where it used to connect to
Boundary Road to install drainage culverts. He stated that if culverts are installed at Percy Avenue, he believes it would add one more obstacle to drainage for the drainage ditch on the west side of Boundary that cannot handle the water it receives now from a heavy rain. He also mentioned that the last twenty feet or so of Percy Avenue is cracked and uneven. He also expressed his concerns relative to partially re-opening this section would provide an escape route for go-carts, motorbikes, trail bikes, scooters trying to flee law enforcement.

Councilman P. Rhodes stated that although he has taken into consideration the concerns Mr. Stoufflet has brought up regarding installing culverts at Percy Avenue and Boundary Road he has addressed the situation because he does not see the matter in a negative manner and if problems come up he will address it.

Chairman C. Voisin acknowledged that there were several bridge tenders present and gave them an opportunity to allow a representative of the group to address the Council, but they declined at this time.

The Chairman called for a report on the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on 10/11/04, whereupon the Committee Chairman rendered the following:

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**OCTOBER 11, 2004**

The Chairman, Harold Lapeyre, called the Budget & Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by Minute Clerk Suzette Thomas and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. P. Rhodes. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin. Committee Member C. Duplantis was recorded as entering the proceedings at 5:35 p.m. A quorum was declared present.

Upon questioning, Assistant Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock explained the statutory provisions for providing office space for the District Attorney’s Office. She continued that if the Parish declared the property surplus, it might be difficult to bring the property back into use at a later time.

Upon additional questioning, Parish Manager Barry Blackwell explained that the Parish Government and the District Attorney’s Office are trading office space between the building located at 500 School Street and office space on the 5th Floor of the Government Tower Building. He noted that the transfer of the office space would be more convenient for the District Attorney’s Office, and added that the current space utilized by the District Attorney’s Office would be used by the Tax Assessor’s Office.

Committee Member W. Thibodeaux questioned the possibility of the value of the office space provided to the District Attorney’s Office being deducted from the subsidy given to said office. He requested that Administration investigate the aforementioned possibility.

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee authorize the Parish President to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the District Attorney’s Office for office space at 500 School Street.” (**RESOLUTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION**)

Discussion transpired relative to deducting the monetary value of the aforementioned office space from the annual subsidy allocated to the District Attorney’s Office.

**OFFERED BY:** Mr. W. Thibodeaux.

**SECONDED BY:** Mr. C. Voisin.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-346**

A resolution authorizing the Parish President to enter an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (“TPCG”) and the Office of the District Attorney for office space located at 500 School Street, Houma, Louisiana.
WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:1324 provides any parish or political subdivision of the state may make agreements among themselves to engage jointly in the construction or improvement of any public project or improvement provided that at least one of the participants to the agreement is authorized by law to complete the undertaking; and

WHEREAS, TPCG is authorized to provide for the safety and welfare of the citizens of Terrebonne Parish and to provide offices for the District Attorneys Office; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the District Attorney is charged with providing various services and programs for the citizens within Terrebonne Parish; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney’s Office is presently without adequate office space necessary to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of cooperation and to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Terrebonne Parish, TPCG has determined that there is sufficient space located at 500 School Street, Houma, Louisiana to provide temporary office space for these programs of the District Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the above parties believe that the terms of this agreement are commensurate with the costs involved.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that all parties named above, in accordance with La. R.S. 33:13121, et seq. hereby enter into the attached intergovernmental agreement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administration be authorized to deduct the “rent amount” for the office space from the annual allocations to the District Attorney’s Office.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 11th day of October, 2004.

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Assistant Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock interjected that State Statutes requirements require local governments to provide office space for the District Attorney’s Office. She continued that the aforementioned office space is in addition to what is monetarily subsidized. Ms. Alcock questioned whether the office space might be deducted from the subsidy granted to the District Attorney’s Office. She requested that the resolution be amended to generically identify the office space as opposed to specifying the use of the office space.

Committee Member W. Thibodeaux noted that the Parish Government currently provides office space for the District Attorney’s Office in the Courthouse Annex, and added that, in his opinion, the Parish Government, statutorily, is not obligated “ad infinitum” to the District Attorney’s Office.

OFFERED BY: Mr. W. Thibodeaux.

SECONDED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-347
WHEREAS, after careful review of the current IBM iSeries, Model 810, Midrange Computer System by Neal Prejean, Information Technology Manager, a recommendation is hereby made to expand this system by adding an IBM 3582 Ultrium Tape Library Dual Fiber Drive, and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana Contract Compliance Information list State of Louisiana, Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) Agreement Number 94-00151, State Contract Number 405446, Prime Vendor Number 13087198542, list Cherbonnier, Mayer, and Associates, Inc., IBM Business Partner, Distributor Vender Number 72120283200 to market the requested product, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by Neal Prejean, Information Technology Manager it has been determined that the cost to add the IBM 3852 Ultrium Tape Library Dual Fiber Drive, in the amount of Twenty-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents ($29,395.85) be purchased from Cherbonnier, Mayer and Associates, Inc., and be accepted as per the State Contract Catalog, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are budgeted and available in the 2004 Budget, Account Numbers 390-192-8915-04, Information Technology Division, for the purchase of the aforementioned equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the IBM 3582 Ultrium Tape Library Dual Fiber Drive be purchased at a total cost of Twenty-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents ($29,395.85) as per the State Purchasing Contract Catalog.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of Neal Prejean, Information Technology Manager and Parish Administration be approved and that the purchase of the IBM 3582 Ultrium Tape Library Dual Fiber Drive be accepted as per the attached forms.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 11th day of October, 2004.

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Information Technology Manager Neal Prejean stated that the aforementioned purchase will provide additional back-up storage capacity for the Parish Government. Upon additional questioning, Mr. Prejean stated that Information Technology is investigating other alternatives for additional communication storage.

Upon questioning, Purchasing Manager Angela Guidry explained that Administration has submitted a request to execute an agreement with Leroy Danos Maintenance to provide grass-cutting services on abandoned nuisance abatement properties that are in violation of the tall grass ordinance. She continued that the contract cost is based upon estimated equipment, equipment hours, and labor, and is similar to the cost associated with the annual maintenance contract. Mrs. Guidry noted that the grass-cutting services were previously handled in-house and an actual cost could not be determined.

Upon questioning, Comptroller Jamie Elfert stated that property owners in violation of the tall grass ordinance are billed for the aforementioned services, and the invoices are placed on the property tax roll. She added that information relative to the actual amount of proceeds collected would be provided tomorrow.
Mrs. Guidry noted Leroy Danos Maintenance’s expertise and credentials.

Upon questioning relative to maintenance of those properties acquired through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation buyout, Planning & Zoning Director Patrick Gordon stated that a list is available and added that there has been some interest in leasing the properties.

Upon additional discussion, Mrs. Guidry explained the reason for rejecting the lowest bidder’s proposal, and Administration’s effort to verify vendor information. She continued that pre-bid conference was not conducted, and noted low participation at other pre-bid conferences.

Committee Member P. Rhodes requested that pre-bid conferences be conducted to ensure that vendors submit the correct information and understand the specifications for projects.

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee retain the matter relative to authorizing the Parish President to execute an agreement with Leroy Danos Maintenance to provide grass cutting services.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Upon questioning, Mr. Gordon stated that the delay of two weeks will not cause a problem with providing grass cutting services on abandoned nuisance abatement properties.

Continued discussion transpired relative to licensing requirements for vendors.

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness Director Michael DeRoche stated that a representative from FEMA has reviewed the Parish’s submission of forms for emergency assistance as a result of Hurricane Ivan and will report back at a later date.

Upon questioning relative to the condition of Terrebonne Parish’s barrier islands, Parish Manager Barry Blackwell stated the Parish has applied for funding for the East Timbalier Island Project, and added that although no formal response has been received, there has been some positive feedback.

Council Clerk Paul Labat interjected that Department of Natural Resources representative Chris Williams will present an update on Terrebonne’s barrier islands in two weeks.

Upon questioning relative to inspecting the barrier islands after Tropical Storm Matthew, Mr. Blackwell stated that Administration conducted vehicular inspections, but has not completed an aerial inspection.

Several members of the Council thanked Administration for their tenacious assistance during the recent storm event.

Upon questioning relative to an aerial inspection, Parish President Don Schwab stated that he has spoken with Department of Natural Resources Secretary Scott Angelle relative to conducting an aerial inspection later this week. (NO ACTION TAKEN)
Review of the following portions of the proposed Fiscal Year 2005 Budget was considered at this time: Sanitation; Elections; Road Lighting Districts; Pollution Control; G. I. S. Technology Fund; and Utility Funds.

Discussion transpired relative to conducting additional budget hearings in order to provide adequate time for discussion and deliberation. It was suggested that additional budget hearings be scheduled for Mondays and Tuesdays of non-Council meeting weeks.

Committee Member W. Thibodeaux expressed his concern relative to adhesion to adopted budget and what is reflected in next year’s budget submission.

Utilities Director Tom Bourg presented an overview of a proposed ordinance that will be submitted for consideration tomorrow regarding generating revenue for the Sanitation Department. He also noted an alternative of providing small toters to small commercial businesses.

Solid Waste Superintendent Eulin Guidry noted reductions in staffing and expenses for the Solid Waste Department.

Discussion transpired relative to informing those employees affected by budget cuts of the termination of their positions in the 2005 Budget.

Parish Manager Barry Blackwell stated that Administration has met with those employees who will be affected by the budget cuts.

Upon questioning relative to educating the general public on solid waste disposal, Mr. Guidry stated that Administration has made a video, conducts educational presentations at local schools, and distributed flyers. He stated that Administration has not considered public service announcements. Mr. Guidry noted the expansion of the Animal Shelter, explained the job responsibilities of several animal shelter employees, and procedures for dispatching personnel to address animal concerns.

Animal Shelter Manager Valerie Robinson explained the procedures for dispatching personnel during non-business hours. She continued by noting the Animal Shelter’s web page on www.petfinder.com.

Upon questioning, Mr. Bourg stated that the reduction in various salaries within the Animal Shelter Department might be attributed to higher salaried employees being replaced with lower salaried employees. He continued by explaining the costs associated with providing toters for small commercial businesses.

Committee Member W. Thibodeaux requested that Administration draft criteria for disposing of solid waste and distribute same to the general public. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee recess in order to conduct the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting to address a legal matter.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.
Committee Members C. Duplantis and A. Tillman were recorded as exiting the proceedings during the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee return to the regular order of business as per the written agenda.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Duplantis and A. Tillman.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Comptroller Jamie Elfert noted that the projected $78,000.00 in comparison to the budgeted $22,160.00 reflects future invoices from the Elections Department for previous Council, Presidential, and Constable elections in 2003. She added that several budget amendments would be submitted at the next budget meeting. Upon questioning, Mrs. Elfert explained the process for adopting the 2005 Budget in December. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Accountant Sonja Chaisson presented a summation of the Road Lighting Districts accounts in which she noted: 1) Millages for Road Lighting District Nos. 1, 3, 5, & 6 have increased although none of the millages increased beyond the authorized amount approved by voters; 2) Millages for Road Lighting District Nos. 2, 4, & 7 were reduced as a result of reserves from the previous year; 3) All other millages for remaining Road Lighting Districts remain the same; and 4) Continued monitoring of Road Lighting District No. 10 will be done to maintain the existing level of service.

Upon questioning, Parish Manager Barry Blackwell stated that the Revenue Review Advisory Committee will consider consolidation of the road lighting districts and a recommendation will be part of their report.

Upon questioning, Comptroller Jamie Elfert explained the reason for maintaining one-year reserve funding for the road lighting districts. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Utilities Director Tom Bourg noted that a presentation relative to the proposed sewerage rate study by GSE Associates, Inc. would be presented tomorrow.

Comptroller Jamie Elfert explained the calculation of net assets and net cash in the Pollution Control Fund.

Upon questioning, Pollution Control Administrator Michael Ordoyne noted various sewerage capacity services in new developments and improvement to a major sewerage trunk line in east Houma. In response to additional questioning, Mr. Ordoyne noted the need to replace several vehicles within the department and explained the job function of various positions.

Committee Member W. Thibodeaux noted his desire to see additional staff reduction in higher-level positions.

Parish Manager Barry Blackwell noted the necessity of retaining skilled workers and maintaining existing facilities. Upon additional questioning, Mr. Blackwell stated that Administration continues to analyze the Parish’s vehicular fleet, and is pooling vehicles where possible. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Utilities Director Tom Bourg stated that future budget amendments may be submitted relative to funding the GIS Technology Fund due to the 2005 Budget being prepared prior to
Administration securing an agreement with the Tax Assessor’s Office. He noted that the Tax Assessor has agreed upon a cap of funding for the GIS Mapping System that exceeds the budget amount. Mr. Bourg added that several capital requests have been “scaled back” to utilize existing equipment, computers, and vehicles.

GIS Manager Jack Garner noted the various transfer of office space between the Tax Assessor, Clerk of Court, and District Attorney offices.

Mr. Bourg interjected that there is office space available in the Utilities Department to house the GIS Manager. He noted that discussion has transpired relative to housing GIS, 911, the Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness, and some police and fire dispatching service in the same facility. Upon questioning, Mr. Bourg explained that the GIS Technology Fund was authorized to receive money from tax collections received by the Tax Assessor.

Comptroller Jamie Elfert stated that funding for GIS mapping needs to be placed in a special revenue fund because the proceeds are derived from ad valorem taxes. She continued that the Utilities Department submits a budget outlining funding needs from the special fund to operate the GIS Technology Department.

In response to additional questioning, Mr. Garner stated that the GIS Department is comprised of thirteen people within six agencies. He continued that GIS work has been completed in the Drainage Division to identify addresses and infrastructure. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Utilities Director Tom Bourg stated that the Utility Fund combines funding for the Electric and Gas Divisions. He continued by presenting an overview of obtaining utility resources for the Power Plant. Upon questioning, Mr. Bourg noted various renovations at the Power Plant and the Broiler Units.

Discussion transpired relative to GPS systems in parish vehicles to monitor employee production.

Electric Generation Superintendent Charles Coan explained the necessity of replacing a 1992 vehicle with 59,000 miles due to extensive maintenance costs. In response to additional questioning, Mr. Coan explained various job functions at the Power Plant and presented a historical overview of the construction of the Houma Power Plant

Parish Manager Barry Blackwell emphasized the need to retain technical skilled positions and employees.

Upon questioning, Comptroller Jamie Elfert stated that the Utility Fund has 2.4 million dollars in Operating Revenue and 20.6 million dollars in Restrictive Capital.

Upon questioning, Mr. Bourg stated that there have been several rumors about selling the Power Plant and one offer to purchase the Power Plant. He then explained how power is purchased by Administration through an agreement with LEPA. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Budget & Finance Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: A. Tillman.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Harold Lapeyre, Chairman
Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. W. Thibodeaux, "THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on 10/11/04."

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: A. Tillman and C. Duplantis

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman called for a report on the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting held on 10/11/04, whereupon the Committee Chairman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls public hearings on 10/27/04, rendered the following:

POLICY, PROCEDURE, & LEGAL COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 11, 2004

The Chairman, Wayne Thibodeaux, called the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by Ms. C. Duplantis and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. H. Lapeyre. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin. A quorum was declared present.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee suspend Robert’s Rules of Order and take Item No. 4 (Entering into executive session to discuss pending litigation regarding ‘Sudo Properties, Inc. et al vs the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government’) first on the agenda.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier and P. Rhodes.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee pursuant to R.S. 42:6.1, convene into executive session to discuss litigation involving ‘Sudo Properties, Inc. et al vs the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government’, and invite into said session Parish President Donald Schwab, Assistant Parish Attorney Greg
Schwab, Assistant Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock, Parish Manager Barry Blackwell, and Risk Management Manager Janell Brierly.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier and P. Rhodes.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Committee Member C. Duplantis was recorded as exiting the proceedings during the executive session.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee return to the regular order of business as per the written agenda.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, and P. Rhodes.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee accept the status report from the Legal Advisor regarding the matter relative to litigation involving ‘Sudo Properties, Inc. et al vs. the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government’.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, and P. Rhodes.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee introduce an ordinance to amend the appropriate section of the Parish Code to limit the types of contracts necessary to be recorded with the Clerk of Court, and call a public hearing on said matter on October 27, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)
Assistant Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock stated that the aforementioned action would limit the number of legal filings, and noted that cooperative endeavor agreements are public records, but do not need to be filed with the Clerk of Court’s Office.

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Duplantis and P. Rhodes.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee introduce an ordinance to require the disclosure of all sub-contractors associated with professional services and consulting contracts and call a public hearing on said matter on October 27, 2004 at 6:30 p. m.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)**

Upon questioning, Parish Manager Barry Blackwell noted that professional services contracts are not as critical as construction contracts, but all disclosure solidifies Administration’s position to get work done, as well as the company’s financial stability.

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Duplantis and P. Rhodes.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee submit the proposed truck stop regulations ordinance, as written, to the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission for its review and recommendation, and request that the Planning Commission return its recommendation to the Council as soon as possible.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)**

Discussion ensued relative to the Truck Stop Regulations/Casino Subcommittee formulating the best ordinance for said regulations, safety concerns for students leaving H. L. Bourgeois High School, and the establishment of a Zoning and Land Use Commission.

Upon questioning, Assistant Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock explained that the Louisiana Constitution authorizes local governments to regulate land use, zoning, and historic preservation. She continued that State law provisions also regulate zoning and land use, in addition to the Parish Charter. Ms. Alcock stated that the case law does not require that the entire Parish be “grid out” (zoning or land use regulations established) as long as the proposed regulations are rationally related to legitimate government purpose.

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS:  T. Cavalier.

ABSTAINING:  C. Voisin.

ABSENT:  C. Duplantis.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. P. Lambert moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  C. Duplantis.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Wayne Thibodeaux, Chairman

Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre and Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting held on 10/11/04.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  A. Tillman.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman called for a report on the Public Services Committee meeting held on 10/12/04, whereupon the Committee Chairwoman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls public hearings on 10/27/04, rendered the following:

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 12, 2004

The Chairwoman, Christa Duplantis, called the Public Services Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p. m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by 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, W., Thibodeaux, and C. Voisin. Committee Members K. Elfert and A. Tillman were recorded as entering the proceedings at 5:47 p.m. A quorum was declared present.

The Chairman announced that Committee K. Elfert would be late in arriving for this evening’s committee meeting.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Public Services Committee add on to the agenda the matter relative to constructing a metal building in lower Bayou Dularge.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: K. Elfert and A. Tillman.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Public Services Committee concur with the recommendation of Administration and approve the construction of a metal building in lower Bayou Dularge (D-19 Pump Station) for the Drainage Department.”

(RESOLUTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Public Works Director Al Levron explained that the pump station is located in Bayou Dularge and added that the pump station needs to be covered.

Committee Member C. Voisin explained that the former building covering the pump station building has been demolished, and needs to be replaced due to the pumps and equipment being exposed to the elements.

Purchasing Manager Angela Guidry stated that the original proposal submitted by Mr. Andrew Baudoin has been reduced from $21,742.00 to $19,995.00. She added that the offer by Mr. Baudoin needs to be approved as soon as possible in order to maintain the current price quote for materials. Upon questioning, Mrs. Guidry explained that three bids were submitted, two vendors attended the pre-bid conference, and only one sealed bid was received for the aforementioned project. She stated that, due to the bid received being over the threshold amount for public bids, the vendor offered to reduce the bid price. In response to additional questioning, Mrs. Guidry further explained that if the bids were rejected, the project would need to be let for bid.

Upon questioning, Assistant Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock suggested that the aforementioned matter be approved contingent upon Legal review.

Committee Member C. Voisin emphasized the need to approve the aforementioned project this evening.

Committee Members K. Elfert and A. Tillman were recorded as entering the proceedings at this time.

Public Works Operations Superintendent Perry Blanchard stated that the former building covering the D-19 Pump Station in Bayou Dularge rusted and has been demolished. He noted that the insurance department stated that the best solution was to demolish the building, and explained the manner in which the new building will be constructed.

OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.

SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.
RESOLUTION NO. 04-348

WHEREAS, quotations were obtained by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the construction of a metal building (D-19 Pump Station located in Lower Bayou Dularge) for the Drainage Department, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by Al Levron, Public Works Director, Perry Blanchard, Public Works Operations Manager, Blaise LeCompte, Drainage Superintendent, it has been determined that the total price of Nineteen Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-five Dollars and Zero Cents ($19,995.00) from Andrew Baudoin Building Contractor for the construction of a metal building (D-19 Pump Station located in Lower Bayou Dularge) should be accepted, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are budgeted and available in the 2004 Account Number 252-361-8422-01 for the construction of the aforementioned metal building, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the aforementioned metal building construction at a total cost of Nineteen Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-five Dollars and Zero Cents ($19,995.00), as per attached documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish Administration be approved and that the construction of the metal building be accepted as per the attached forms., contingent upon review by the Legal Department.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: W. Thibodeaux.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of October, 2004.

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Committee Member C. Voisin requested that the Legal Department present a report at Wednesday’s Council meeting.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Public Services Committee return to the regular order of business as per the written agenda.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.
The Chairwoman recognized Ms. Mary Billiot of 316 Eureka Drive, who requested that the over weight rigs on Eureka Drive be removed. She noted that the other over weight vehicles traveling along said roadway provide the residents with a service.

The Chairwoman recognized Ms. Linda Callais of 303 Eureka Drive, who informed the committee that she has applied for another application to obtain a smaller truck trailer and requested consideration of allowing her to park a smaller truck without a trailer in front of her home.

Planning & Zoning Director Patrick Gordon stated that Administration has inspected the roadway, and noted the weight specifications for Eureka Drive. He recommended that a “No Through Truck Zone” be implemented along said roadway due to the poor condition of the road.

Ms. T. Cavalier moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert and Mr. W. Thibodeaux, “THAT, the Public Services Committee introduce an ordinance to amend the Parish Code to establish a ‘No Through Truck Zone’ on Eureka Drive, and call a public hearing on said matter on October 27, 2004 at 6:30 p. m.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-349

A resolution authorizing the preparation and submission of Capital Outlay Requests to the State of Louisiana, division of Administration, for funds to dredge Bayou Terrebonne; to provide for the Bayou Terrebonne Boardwalk; and to provide for the construction of a bridge over Bayou Petit Caillou at Bayouside Drive.

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, through its Capital Outlay Program, provides the funds for such capital projects, and

WHEREAS, the projects identified above have long been considered important projects in Terrebonne Parish, which improve the quality of life for all residents and property owners in the Parish, and

WHEREAS, the Parish has appropriated certain funds which could best be used as matching funds for the projects, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government wishes to have these projects included in the Capital Outlay Bill to be adopted by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that Parish President Don Schwab is hereby authorized to prepare and submit Capital Outlay Requests to the Division of Administration seeking state funds to dredge and clean Bayou Terrebonne; to provide for the Bayou Terrebonne Boardwalk; and to provide for the construction of a bridge over Bayou Petit Caillou.
THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of October, 2004.

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Public Works Director Al Levron stated that Shaw Consulting has been contracted to study the impacts of removing the weir in Bayou Terrebonne. He continued that Administration would evaluate the use of the existing bridge at Woodlawn Ranch Road. Mr. Levron agreed that the match funds for the aforementioned project have been allocated.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-350

A resolution for the approval of Change Order No. 2 for Parish Project No. 99-DRA-18, Bayou Chauvin Outfall Canal, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, a certain contract was entered into between the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and Volute, Inc., designated as Parish Project No. 99-DRA-18, Bayou Chauvin Outfall Canal, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 2 is required for an additional twenty-eight (28) day extension of contract time for adverse weather conditions and utility conflicts between July 1, 2004 and September 24, 2004 for the above referenced project, with no increase in contract cost, and

WHEREAS, the Engineer recommends that this change order be accepted for this project.

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 Change Order.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of October, 2004.

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Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Public Services Committee retain the matter relative to approving an amendment to the Local Services Agreement between the Parish Government and the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District in committee for further evaluation.”
The Chairwoman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. Voisin.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier.

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Upon questioning, Utilities Director Tom Bourg stated that Administration would like authorization to enter into an agreement with Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc. (formerly Entergy Koch Trading, LP). He added that the aforementioned authorization is a result of the partnership name change.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.
SECONDED BY: Ms. K. Elfert.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-351

A resolution authorizing the Parish President to enter into a consent agreement assigning an Entergy Koch Trading, LP gas supply contract to Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc.

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into an agreement with Entergy Koch Trading, LP to purchase natural gas, and

WHEREAS, Entergy Koch Trading, LP has been purchased by Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc., and

WHEREAS, Entergy Koch Trading, LP has requested Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government consent to assign all its interest and rights and obligations under the contract to Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Utilities Department staff has reviewed and recommends favorable consideration of this request.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee) on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that the Parish President, Don Schwab, be, and he is hereby authorized to enter into a consent agreement assigning an Entergy Koch Trading, LP gas supply contract to Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of October, 2004.

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The Chairwoman relinquished the chair to the Vice Chairman.
The Vice Chairman recognized Economic Planning Associates Consultant John Monterio who stated that the pre-bid conference for the Williams Street Bridge was held today, bids will be received next Tuesday, and the project is expected to commence in early January 2005.

Committee Member K. Elfert requested that the Comptroller provide information to the Council relative to the funding source for the aforementioned project. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

The Chairwoman resumed the chair.

The Chairwoman recognized Mr. Arthur DeFraites of GSE Associates, Inc. who presented a power point presentation on the adequacy of providing operating revenue for parish wide sewerage. He recommended that Administration reassess the manner in which the allocation interest income earned for various sewerage departments is handled, the handling of depreciation costs, and instituting a regular infiltration maintenance program. He continued by noting several problems with providing adequate sewerage services and determining which customers have sewerage service, and which do not but are being charged.

Mr. H. Laperey move, “THAT, the Public Services Committee accept the sewer rate study as presented by GSE Associates, Inc. and request Administration to analyze said study and make a recommendation at the next committee meeting.” (**MOTION DIES DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND)

Utilities Director Tom Bourg interjected that action on the sewer rate study will be considered during the next item.

Pollution Control Administration Michael Ordoyne explained the cost associated with parish wide sewerage.

Discussion transpired relative to a sewerage rate increase. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Utilities Director Tom Bourg stated that Administration recommends increasing the base sewer rate from $6.00 to $8.00, and the complimentary consumption rates per 1,000 gallons as presented in the sewer rate study. He noted that Administration looked at balancing the increase in the base and consumption rate. Upon questioning, Mr. Bourg stated that without the sewer rate increase, the Sewerage Department would experience a deficit in excess of $1,000,000.00 per year.

RESOLUTION: Introducing an ordinance that will amend the Parish Code to provide for an increase in sewer user rates and calling a public hearing on said matter on October 27, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. H. Laperey (**SUBSTITUTE MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Council Clerk Paul Labat stated that there is no thirty day lay over requirement for a public hearing for the proposed rate increase, but noted that the matter has to be published three times. Mr. Labat added that there is a thirty-day lay over prior to the implementation of the rate increase.

Parish Manager Barry Blackwell stated that Administration does not have a problem with delaying action on the matter. He continued that the proposal is a way to break even on the operation costs of the Pollution Control Division.

Mr. P. Rhodes offered a substitute motion seconded by Mr. W. Thibodeaux, “THAT, the Public Services Committee retain the matter relative to implementing a sewer user rate increase in committee for further evaluation.” (**SUBSTITUTE MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Discussion ensued relative to addressing the shortfall in funding for the operation of the Sewerage Department.

**The Chairwoman called for the vote on the substitute motion offered by Mr. P. Rhodes.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairwoman declared the substitute motion adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-352

A resolution providing approval of Amendment No. 3 to the Engineering Agreement with Shaw Coastal dated February 28, 2003 for Pick Up Station Modification, identified as Parish Project No. 02-LAND-43, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government did enter into an Agreement with Shaw Coastal dated February 28, 2003 for Pick Up Station Modification identified as Parish Project No. 02-LAND-43, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Coastal Engineering and Environmental Consultants, Inc. has been combined with the Shaw Group to form Shaw Coastal, Inc., and

WHEREAS, TPCG consents to an assignment of the Engineering Agreement between Owner and Engineer, dated February 28, 2003 to Shaw Coastal, Inc., and

WHEREAS, Shaw Coastal, Inc. agrees to assume all duties, responsibilities, and liabilities of Coastal Engineering and Environmental Consultants, Inc. under the terms of the Engineering Agreement, and

WHEREAS, all other provisions of the Engineering Agreement between Owner and Engineer, dated February 28, 2003, shall remain in full force and effect, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Shaw Coastal, Inc. has been asked to perform these activities under the Basic and Additional Services section of the Engineering Agreement for this project, and

WHEREAS, the TPCG would like to continue with the engineering effort necessary to proceed with this project.

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, for an increase of $21,789 in Basic Services and an increase in the limitation of cost for Additional Services and Reimbursable Expenses in an amount of $21,789.00.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of October, 2004.
Utilities Director Tom Bourg presented an overview of the proposed budget and rate increase in solid waste fees. He noted that the proposed ordinance to increase solid waste fees addresses an increase in the fee for additional commercial toters from 2 to 4 at cost of $28.00 per toter per month. Mr. Bourg continued that the proposed ordinance also clarifies the responsibility of replacing lost or stolen toters.

The Chairwoman relinquished the chair to the Vice Chairman.

Discussion ensued relative to those individuals who may be unable to replace lost or stolen toters due to no fault of their own and the clarity of damaged toters.

Upon questioning, Housing & Human Services Director Darrel Waire explained the procedures for providing dumpsters at sites where structures have been burned.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. W. Thibodeaux, “THAT, the Public Services Committee retain the matter relative to introducing an ordinance to amend Chapter 11 of the Parish Code relative to solid waste fees in committee for further evaluation.”

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

**UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:**


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  A. Tillman.

The Vice Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairwoman resumed the chair.

**THE FOLLOWING WAS EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES PRIOR TO RATIFICATION BY THE ASSEMBLED COUNCIL ON 10/13/04, THEREFORE ACTION IS NULL AND VOID:**

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Public Services Committee retain the matter relative to introducing an ordinance to revoke a 6.5-foot utility servitude from Highway 24 for a distance of 60-feet on Lot 1, Block 2 of Cypress Subdivision until such time as a plat of the property is received.”  (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION**)

Upon questioning, Planning & Zoning Director Patrick Gordon stated that there are no zoning regulations outside of the city limits, and added that a structure located in the right-of-way was not subject to zoning regulations.

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

**UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:**


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.
Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Ms. T. Cavalier and Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, the Public Services Committee introduce an ordinance to change the name of Greatwood ‘Court’ to Greatwood ‘Street’, and call a public hearing on said matter on October 27, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: A. Tillman.

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Planning & Zoning Director Patrick Gordon stated that Administration has been unable to contact Mr. Painter, owner of the burned structure on Wolf Parkway, and continued that Mr. Painter has obtained a building permit and was awaiting a loan approval to demolish said structure. He added that Administration intends to submit the location at the next condemnation hearing.

Committee Member W. Thibodeaux requested that Administration submit the property on Wolf Parkway at the next regular condemnation hearing. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

The Chairwoman recognized Airport Commission Chairman John Monterio who stated that the project relative to addressing the flooding conditions at the intersection of Clendenning Road and Louisiana Highway 24 is ready to proceed as per the agreement between the Houma-Terrebonne Airport Commission and the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre and Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Public Services Committee authorize the Parish President to execute and enter a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Houma-Terrebonne Airport Commission to address the flooding conditions at the intersection of Clendenning Road and Louisiana Highway 24.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Jack Plaissance of Picciola & Associates, Inc., who stated that plans for the Mobile Estate to the Gray Park, Andrew Price, and Johnson Ridge sidewalks were delivered to the Engineering Division today, and the permit application for said projects would be sent to DOTD for approval. Upon questioning, he stated that the response time from DOTD is normally 30-days, and added that the project will be let for bid after DOTD’s approval is received.
The Chairman recognized Ms. Heather Klingman of Duplantis Design Group, who stated that her firm received the contract for the Tunnel Boulevard sidewalk project a week ago, noted that it will take a month to complete a survey of the project area, and estimated that the project would commence in the beginning of December.

Committee Member W. Thibodeaux emphasized the urgency in completing the aforementioned projects as soon as possible, and requested that the project proceed as expeditiously as possible.

Ms. Klingman stated that she would place the Tunnel Boulevard sidewalk project on the survey’s urgent list. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Planning & Zoning Director Patrick Gordon stated that the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff’s Office will place the radar trailer along Linda Ann Street on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, and on Crozier Drive next week.

Committee Member W. Thibodeaux requested that Administration meet with the Sheriff to discuss the possibility of utilizing cameras in the radar trailers to deter speeding. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Public Services Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: T. Cavalier and P. Rhodes.

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Christa M. Duplantis, Chairwoman

Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 10/12/04, removing the item dealing with a proposed ordinance to revoke the servitude for a short distance in Cypress Subdivision so that the matter may be handled separately.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: A. Tillman

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.
OFFERED BY: Ms. K. Elfert.
SECONDED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre & Mr. P. Rhodes.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-353

A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING AN ORDINANCE TO REVOKE A 6.5 FEET WIDTH FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST BOUNDARY OF A 10-FOOT UTILITY SERVITUDE COMMENCING FROM LA HIGHWAY NO. 24 FOR A DISTANCE OF 60 LFT. ON LOT 1, BLOCK 2, OF CYPRESS SUBDIVISION.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, introduce an ordinance to revoke a 6.5 feet width from the southernmost boundary of a 10-foot utility servitude commencing from LA Highway No. 24 for a distance of 60 ft. on Lot 1, Block 2 of Cypress Subdivision; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing on said ordinance be called for Wednesday, October 27, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 13th day of October, 2004.

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The Chairman called for a report on the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 10/12/04, whereupon the Committee Vice-Chairwoman, noting that ratification calls public hearings on 10/27/04, rendered the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 12, 2004

The Chairman, Alvin Tillman, called the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting to order at 8:14 p. m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by Ms. C. Duplantis and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. H. Lapeyre. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, W. Thibodeaux, A. Tillman, and C. Voisin. A quorum was declared present.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee add on to the agenda the matter relative to introducing an ordinance to amend Ordinance Nos. 6860 and 6890 to correct the clerical errors in the legal description, appraisal value, and offer amount of certain properties in conjunction with the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Voisin.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee introduce an ordinance to amend Ordinance Nos. 6860 and 6890 to correct the clerical errors in the legal description, appraisal value, and the offer amount of certain properties in conjunction with the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and call a public hearing on said matter on October 27, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Planning & Zoning Director Patrick Gordon stated that the aforementioned ordinance simply corrects the clerical errors. He noted that Mr. Larry Authement divided the property located at 6569 Grand Caillou without Planning Commission approval so the property needed the appropriate approval, by the Planning Commission, which changed the legal description that was presented to the Council, but did not change the appraisal value for said property.

Comptroller Jamie Elfert explained that the appraisal value and the offer value for property located at 113 Kennedy Drive, owned by Ms. Christine Sorensen, were incorrect. She stated that because the values were incorrect, Administration was unable to proceed with the purchase of the property.

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Voisin.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Voisin.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Committee Member C. Duplantis presented photographs of the derelict condition of the Legion Pool Swimming Complex, and requested comments relative to renovating the pool.

The Chairman recognized Recreation District No. 11 Vice Chairman Kirby Bonvillain who noted the problems inherited by the district in its acquisition of the Legion and Dumas pools. He requested assistance in locating grant funding to assist the Recreation District. Mr.
Bonvillain noted the financial constraints faced by the district in maintaining and operating said pools and other capital projects.

The Chairman recognized Recreation District No. 11 member Chris Cenac who presented ideas for renovating the Dumas and Legion Swimming Complex.

Discussion transpired relative to the historical significance of the Legion Pool Swimming Complex and the safety hazard presented by the complex at this time.

Committee Member W. Thibodeaux suggested possible funding sources through the Louisiana Public Financing Authority, millage revenues, and concessions proceeds.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee request Administration to assist Recreation District No. 11 in obtaining grant funding to repair the Legion Pool and to determine if the Fire or Drainage Departments can use pumps to drain the pool when the pumps are not in use.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  C. Voisin.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Ms. T. Cavalier, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee accept a petition from area residents requesting that the East Houma Fire Station remain open.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  C. Duplantis.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Ms. K. Elfert.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-354

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government desires to promote economic development and recognizes its mandate to encourage the growth, development, restoration, and improvement of downtown Houma and the downtown historic district through cooperation with the downtown business community; and,

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government in conjunction with the Houma Downtown Development Corporation (HDDC) has sponsored the Downtown on the Bayou Festival held in October in historic downtown Houma; and,
WHEREAS, Houma Downtown Development Corporation is charged with the overall responsibility for the Downtown on the Bayou Festival; and,

WHEREAS, Houma Terrebonne Arts & Humanities Council (Arts Council) desires to plan, organize, operate, and manage the Downtown on the Bayou Festival according to the terms of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government in conjunction with HDDC desires to contract with the Arts Council for its planning, managing, and operating services for the 2005 Downtown on the Bayou Festival in accordance with the terms of said Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, TPCG, HDDC and the Arts Council believe they can substantially benefit the cultural growth, economic development and improvement in historic downtown Houma by entering into a cooperative endeavor with each other; and,

WHEREAS, TPCG finds that providing certain in-kind services and funding through HDDC under the terms of this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement will serve a public purpose and have a public benefit commensurate with the cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that Parish President Don Schwab is hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to affect this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: A. Tillman.

The Vice Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of October, 2004.

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Cultural Resources & Economic Development Director Mart Black explained the payment arrangement between the Houma Downtown Development Corporation and the Houma-Terrebonne Arts & Humanities Council. He continued that if the 2005 Festival receives net proceeds, the two agencies would share the proceeds. Upon questioning relative to net loss for the festival, Mr. Black stated that the Development Corporation has funding to underwrite the deficit.

The Chairman relinquished the chair to the Vice Chairwoman.

Upon questioning relative to the continuance of the Voice of America Wetlands Festival, Parish President Don Schwab stated that Administration committed to the festival this year, but has not committed to any future years.

Committee Member W. Thibodeaux suggested consideration of moving the Downtown on the Bayou Festival to another time of the year, and ensuring that the festival does not coincide with other festivals listed in the Louisiana Festival brochure.

In response to questioning, Assistant Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock stated that the aforementioned contract is similar to the previous contract with the exception of amending the contract year and incentive term.

Houma Downtown Development Corporation President Leo Ledet thanked the Council and Administration for their support. He noted that consideration would be given to moving the
festival to the month of November and changing those things that have not benefited the festival. Upon questioning, Mr. Ledet stated that the festival vendors were informed that the festival would not transpire this year and would take place in 2005.

Council Clerk Paul Labat requested that the festival promoters inform local community organizations of any change in the festival date.

OFFERED BY: Mr. W. Thibodeaux.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes & Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-355

WHEREAS, Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) of 1998 imposes new requirements on Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) to prepare a 5 Year Plan (2005-2009) and a 2005 Annual Plan, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires that the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government make public, adopt, certify and submit a 5 Year Plan (2005-2009) and an Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2005, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Section 8 Program has developed a 5 Year Plan and a 2005 Annual Plan and a public notice was published inviting any interested parties to review the document for a 45-day period as well as comment or make recommendations.

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 adopt the 5 Year Plan and the 2005 Annual Plan and authorizes the Parish President, Don Schwab, to sign all certifications for submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as proof of that fact.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Duplantis.

The Vice Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of October, 2004.

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Upon questioning, Housing & Human Services Director Darrel Waire stated that Administration oversees a self-sufficiency program, home ownership program, and will attend training seminars and home ownership initiative seminars.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-356

WHEREAS, the USS Terrebonne Parish (LST 1156) Reunion Association is holding its fourth annual reunion in San Antonio, Texas during the week of April 11, 2005; and,

WHEREAS, the Reunion Association is dedicating a plaque honoring the USS Terrebonne Parish (LST 1156) at the Admiral Nimitz Museum and National Museum of the Pacific War as part of its reunion program on Thursday, April 14, 2005; and,
WHEREAS, upon said dedication the USS Terrebonne Parish (LST 1156) will take its place among the more than 450 similar plaques in the museum’s Memorial Courtyard that honors the contributions of individuals, ships and units of the U.S. Navy; and,

WHEREAS, the USS Terrebonne Parish (LST 1156) and the officers and crew who proudly and honorably served on her during her nearly twenty years of outstanding U.S. naval service made great contributions to the security of the United States, particularly during such dangerous periods in American history as the “Cold War” and the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, and is richly deserving of a place in the Memorial Courtyard; and,

WHEREAS, the USS Terrebonne Parish (LST 1156), when it takes its place among those so honored in the Memorial Courtyard of the Admiral Nimitz Museum and National Museum of the Pacific War, will bring honor to its namesake parish and serve as a lasting tribute to the ship and those who served on her; and,

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government wishes to honor the brave and dedicated men who served on the USS Terrebonne Parish (LST 1156) during its nearly twenty years of U.S. naval service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of Parish President Don Schwab and the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that the USS Terrebonne Parish (LST 1156) and those who served on her are duly honored and the efforts of the ship’s Reunion Association to dedicate a plaque to the ship and her officers and crew are thus supported; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is to be read aloud in the presence of the ship’s company assembled on April 14, 2005, in San Antonio, Texas, in the Memorial Courtyard when the ship’s plaque is dedicated to the ship and her officers and crew are thus supported; and,

The Vice Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of October, 2004.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-357

A Resolution giving Notice of Intent to adopt an Ordinance to dedicate and accept the maintenance/operation of the streets, servitudes, utilities, gas, sewer, and rights-of-way for “SUMMERFIELD PLACE SUBDIVISION ADDENDUM NO. 17, PHASE B” and to incorporate THE EXTENSION OF “CAMILLE STREET”, THE EXTENSION OF “JULIETTE DRIVE”, THE EXTENSION OF CALEB DRIVE”, AND “VIOLA STREET” into the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System for the purpose of providing a better means of locating addresses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that Notice of Intent is given for adopting an ordinance to dedicate and accept the maintenance/operation of the streets, servitudes, utilities, gas, sewer, and rights-of-way for
“SUMMERFIELD PLACE SUBDIVISION ADDENDUM NO. 17, PHASE B”, and to incorporate THE EXTENSION OF “CAMILLE STREET”, THE EXTENSION OF “JULIETTE DRIVE”, THE EXTENSION OF “CALEB DRIVE” AND “VIOLA STREET” into the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System for the purpose of providing a better means of locating addresses; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing on said ordinance be called for Wednesday, October 27, 2004.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Vice Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of October, 2004.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-358

A Resolution giving Notice of Intent to adopt an Ordinance to dedicate and accept the maintenance/operation of the streets, servitudes, utilities, gas, sewer, and rights-of-way for “EVANGELINE BUSINESS PARK” and to incorporate “RUE DES AFFAIRES” into the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System for the purpose of providing a better means of locating addresses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that Notice of Intent is given for adopting an ordinance to dedicate and accept the maintenance/operation of the streets, servitudes, utilities, gas, sewer, and rights-of-way for “EVANGELINE BUSINESS PARK”, and to incorporate “RUE DES AFFAIRES” into the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System for the purpose of providing a better means of locating addresses; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing on said ordinance be called for Wednesday, October 27, 2004.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Vice Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of October, 2004.

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OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.
RESOLUTION NO. 04-359

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO AEGIS INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF DUB JOHNSON PAVING CONTRACTOR, INC PERFORMING ALL WORK (LABOR/MATERIAL/EQUIPMENT) FOR THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF AN ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 519 WOODHAVEN DRIVE, HOUMA, LA IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (PROJECT #HMGP 1437-109-0001).

WHEREAS, sealed quotations were obtained by Aegis Innovative Solutions, LLC for the purpose of performing all work (labor, materials, and equipment) necessary for an incidental to the demolition and removal of one (1) abandoned residential structure located at 519 Woodhaven Drive, Houma, LA for the Planning and Zoning Department pursuant to FEMA requirements of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined the project was awarded to Dub Johnson Paving Contractor, Inc. per a bid of Fourteen Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars ($14,800.00), and

WHEREAS, fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount is Two Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty Dollars ($2,220.00) due Aegis Innovative Solutions, LLC, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by Pat Gordon, Planning and Zoning Director, it has been determined that the total payment of Seventeen Thousand, Twenty Dollars ($17,020.00) payable to Aegis Innovative Solutions, LLC for the above referenced services be accepted per the attached documents, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are budgeted and available in the 2004 Account Number 213-622-8353-05 for the aforementioned referenced services, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the aforementioned services at a total cost of Seventeen Thousand, Twenty Dollars ($17,020.00) as per the attached documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community and Development Committee), on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish Administration be approved and that the quotation for the aforementioned services be accepted as per the attached forms.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Voisin.

The Vice Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of October, 2004.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-360

OFFERED BY: Ms. C. Duplantis.
SECONDED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.
A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO AEGIS INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF ANDREW BAUDOIN BUILDING CONTRACTOR PERFORMING ALL WORK (LABOR/MATERIAL/EQUIPMENT) FOR THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF AN ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 701 CENTRAL AVENUE, HOUMA, LA IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (PROJECT #HMGP 1437-109-0001).

WHEREAS, sealed quotations were obtained by Aegis Innovative Solutions, LLC for the purpose of performing all work (labor, materials, and equipment) necessary for an incidental to the demolition and removal of one (1) abandoned residential structure located at 701 Central Avenue, Houma, LA for the Planning and Zoning Department pursuant to FEMA requirements of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined the project was awarded to Andrew Baudoin Building Contractor per a bid of Fifteen Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars ($15,500.00), and

WHEREAS, fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount is Two Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars ($2,325.00) due Aegis Innovative Solutions, LLC, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by Pat Gordon, Planning and Zoning Director, it has been determined that the total payment of Seventeen Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars ($17,825.00) payable to Aegis Innovative Solutions, LLC for the above referenced services be accepted per the attached documents, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are budgeted and available in the 2004 Account Number 213-622-8353-05 for the aforementioned referenced services, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the aforementioned services at a total cost of Seventeen Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars ($17,825.00) as per the attached documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish Administration be approved and that the quotation for the aforementioned services be accepted as per the attached forms.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Voisin.

The Vice Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of October, 2004.

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In response to questioning, Planning & Zoning Director Patrick Gordon stated that property acquired through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program can only be leased, and no structure may be built on the property. He continued that the initial property owner and the adjacent property owners are given the first opportunity to lease the property prior to any other party.

OFFERED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.
SECONDED BY: Ms. C. Duplantis.
RESOLUTION NO. 04-361

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO AEGIS INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF ANDREW BAUDOIN BUILDING CONTRACTOR PERFORMING ALL WORK (LABOR/MATERIAL/EQUIPMENT) FOR THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF AN ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 6877 SHRIMPERS ROW, DULAC, LOUISIANA IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (PROJECT #HMGP 1437-109-0001).

WHEREAS, sealed quotations were obtained by Aegis Innovative Solutions, LLC for the purpose of performing all work (labor, materials, and equipment) necessary for an incidental to the demolition and removal of one (1) abandoned residential structure located at 6877 Shrimpers Row, Dulac, LA for the Planning and Zoning Department pursuant to FEMA requirements of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined the project was awarded to Andrew Baudoin Building Contractor per a bid of Fifteen Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars ($15,625.00), and

WHEREAS, fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount is Two Thousand, Three Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents ($2,343.75) due Aegis Innovative Solutions, LLC, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by Pat Gordon, Planning and Zoning Director, it has been determined that the total payment of Seventeen Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents ($17,698.75) payable to Aegis Innovative Solutions, LLC for the above referenced services be accepted per the attached documents, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are budgeted and available in the 2004 Account Number 213-622-8353-05 for the aforementioned referenced services, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the aforementioned services at a total cost of Seventeen Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents ($17,968.75) as per the attached documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish Administration be approved and that the quotation for the aforementioned services be accepted as per the attached forms.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: C. Voisin.

The Vice Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 12th day of October, 2004.

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Aegis Innovative Solutions Managing Director Jeff Heaton stated that the 15% markup is for the management costs associated with Aegis managing the demolition of the contracts.
Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee approve Amendment No. 2 HMGP #1437-109-001 to amend the general conditions for professional services with Aegis Innovative Solutions, LLC.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  C. Voisin.

ABSENT:  None.

The Vice Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning accept a resolution from the Save the Trees Committee requesting large retail establishments along Martin Luther King Boulevard and the intersection of St. Louis Canal Road and Bayou Gardens Boulevard to landscape their property, and request Administration to comply with the resolution.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

The Vice Chairwoman recognized Save the Trees Committee Chairwoman Sybil Guidry who requested support of the aforementioned resolution.

In response to questioning, Planning & Zoning Director Patrick Gordon stated that Sam’s has indicated that it will only comply with landscaping requirements if there is an ordinance stipulating such.

Parish President Don Schwab stated that Administration would submit a letter to large retail establishments requesting that they provide some form of landscaping.

Committee Member K. Elfert requested that the Save the Trees Committee place the matter relative to creating a Landscape Tree Committee on its next agenda, and invite her to said meeting.

**The Vice Chairwoman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. A. Tillman.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS:  None.

ABSTAINING:  None.

ABSENT:  None.

The Vice Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee introduce an ordinance to establish a ‘Drug Free Zone’ around St. Lawrence Church along Bull Run Road and at the St. Patrick Chapel along Carol Street in Gibson, and call a public hearing on said matte on October 27, 2004 at 6:30 p. m.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Vice Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Committee Member K. Elfert requested that information relative to what other communities are doing to regulate the removal of unauthorized signs in public rights-of-way and property be submitted to the committee for evaluation.

The Chairman resumed the Chair at this time.

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee retain the matter relative to the removal of unauthorized signs in public rights-of-way and property, and direct the Legal Department to investigate criminal and civil penalties for violation of the Parish’s sign ordinance.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Assistant Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock stated that the Parish has an existing ordinance, which regulates the removal of signs in Parish rights-of-way, and added that the Legal Department will look at penalties for violating the ordinance.

Committee Member P. Rhodes requested that consideration also be given to the removal of unauthorized signs on utility poles.

**The Chairman called for the 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.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded unanimously, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee retain the matter relative to the America’s Pathways Initiative.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.
Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Community Development & Planning Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Alvin Tillman, Chairman
Suzette Thomas Minute Clerk

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 10/12/04.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: A. Tillman

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Chairman C. Voisin stated that in regards to agenda item 4 – Street Lights – there were none requested, and no action was necessary.

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

A) Dealing with Difficult People, Houma, December 13
B) Police Jury Association Convention, February 17-19, 2005; Kenner
C) 2005 Justice of the Peace-Constables Annual Training Session, March 30-April 1, 2005; New Orleans
D) La. Legislative Black Caucus Economic Development Conference, October 15, 2004; Baton Rouge.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: A. Tillman

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, the Council hold nominations open until the first meeting in November, for the expired position on the Library Board of Control.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: A. Tillman

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. W. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council hold nominations open for two weeks for the expired term of Ms. Lee Ann Bourque on the Recreation District No. 2,3 Board.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: A. Tillman

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. T. Cavalier moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council hold nominations open for two weeks for the vacancy on the Bayou Blue Fire Protection District Board, which occurred with the resignation of Ms. Cheryl Skinner.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: A. Tillman

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.
Chairman C. Voisin stated that agenda item 7A1 (Proposed closure of the East Houma Fire Station) had been handled earlier in the proceedings.

Councilman W. Thibodeaux stated that agenda item 7B1 (Federal disaster aid for Terrebonne Parish resulting from Hurricane Ivan) had previously been discussed.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Marc Rogers, T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc., who gave a brief chronology of events from the execution of the Engineering Agreement to today regarding the St. Ann Bridge Replacement Project.

Councilman P. Lambert expressed the importance of the St. Ann Bridge Replacement Project and stated that is the reason for separating it from the road project so that it can be proceeded with.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-362
REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT TO INSTALL AN OVERHEAD FLASHING LIGHT ON HIGHWAY 24 AT THE INTERSECTION WITH THE ST. ANN BRIDGE IN BOURG.

WHEREAS, Highway 24S in the Bourg area is a heavily traveled roadway with many motorists not familiar with the local traffic flow in the area; and,

WHEREAS, motorists on the St. Ann Bridge are often faced with difficult circumstances when trying to enter onto Highway 24S, and

WHEREAS, the present flashing caution light is located along side of Highway 24S and is not easy to see due to other roadside signs and nearby vegetation, and

WHEREAS, many people have said that if the caution light were an “overhead light”, all motorists could easily view the light and be aware of the merging traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development be requested to place an “overhead” caution light on Highway 24S at its intersection with the St. Ann Bridge in Bourg; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Hon. Reggie Dupre, Jr., Senator and to Hon. Damon Baldone, Representative, asking for their concurrence with this request.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: A. Tillman.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 13th day of October, 2004.

Council Clerk P. Labat announced that the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra will be in Houma this Sunday, October 17, 2004, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. for an outdoor concert at Southdown Museum and noted that it is free to the public.
Councilman W. Thibodeaux announced an initiative by the Governor for a solution to poverty with a “Terrebonne Parish Community Conversation on Poverty” on November 4, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Terrebonne Parish Library and invited and encouraged the entire community to attend. Mr. Thibodeaux also announced a “Weed & Seed Kick-Off Church Service” on the west side of town on November 3, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at The House of The Lord at 532 Hobson Street and encouraged citizens to attend and stay involved in this effort.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council allow two add-ons to tonight’s agenda to address the following: 1) A resolution regarding emergency funding for the elevation of State Highway 56; 2) A resolution regarding funds to repair the Pointe-aux-Chenes Levee System ( Forced Drainage Project 4-1).”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: A. Tillman

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-363

A resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to secure Emergency funding for the elevation of State Highway 56, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, State Highway 56 has had repetitive flooding from 5462 LA Hwy 56 to 5642 LA Hwy 56, or an approximate distance of 1.0 mile, and

WHEREAS, this State Highway 56 is an evacuation route and the flooding of this State highway has prohibited citizens of Terrebonne Parish from traveling this roadway, particularly during flooding events such as those recently experienced during Tropical Storm Mathew, and

WHEREAS, this Highway 56 is a State highway.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council and the Parish President, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, hereby requests the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to take emergency action to secure the funding necessary to elevate approximately 1.0 mile of State Highway 56, which route serves as the evacuation route for residents of lower Terrebonne Parish.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: A. Tillman.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 13th day of October, 2004.
OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes & Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-364

A resolution authorizing the preparation and submission of an application to Interim Emergency Board to seek funds to repair the Pointe-aux-Chenes Forced Drainage Levee System.

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Mathew caused tremendous problems for the residents of the southern portion of Terrebonne Parish, and

WHEREAS, the storm surge caused water to flow over the existing levees in Pointe-aux Chenes at such a force that the levee system has been placed in serious jeopardy, and

WHEREAS, the lack of a sound and adequate levee system in this portion of Terrebonne Parish has government officials concerned about the safety and welfare of the hundreds of residents of this area, and

WHEREAS, although the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government requires emergency funds to repair the infrastructure of the forced drainage system, the required funds are not available on a local level, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council and Parish President have been advised to make application to the Interim Emergency Board in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars to repair the levee system in Pointe-aux-Chenes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Parish President be authorized to prepare and submit an application to the Interim Emergency Board for two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000) to repair the Point-aux-Chenes Forced Drainage System Levee System, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Parish President Don Schwab be authorized to execute any and all documents with reference to the application for funding.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: A. Tillman.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 13th day of October, 2004.

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Councilman W. Thibodeaux requested the Council Clerk to prepare a similar resolution for Highway 24 North at UPS and Highway 311 for the next set of committee meetings because of the serious situation that exists with evacuation.

Parish President D. Schwab stated that as the November 2, 2004 millage election approaches, Administration has put together and distributed to the Council some recommendations of some drainage and roads & bridges, and sewer projects for consideration.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council accept the following Monthly Engineering Reports:

A) Milford & Associates, Inc.
B) GSE Associates, Inc. (September & October)
C) Shaw Coastal, Inc.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: A. Tillman

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: W. Thibodeaux, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, and P. Lambert

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: A. Tillman

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

VENITA H. WHITNEY
MINUTE CLERK

ATTEST:

/S/CLAYTON J. VOISIN
CLAYTON J. VOISIN, CHAIRMAN
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL

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