The Chairman, Mr. Alvin Tillman, Sr., called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room for the sole purpose of conducting condemnation hearings.

Following the Invocation, offered by Councilwoman C. Duplantis, and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Councilman P. Lambert, the Minute Clerk called the roll. Upon roll call, Council Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, P. Rhodes, A. Tillman, and A. Williams.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Mary Hite of St. Peter Street who stated that the mobile home located at 120 Oak Forest Drive has been secured and that the grass is being maintained. Ms. Hite requested that the matter be removed from the condemnation list due to it being maintained and secured.

Senior Planner Leesa Foreman presented the historical background on the aforementioned property and noted that the property has been considered for condemnation since 2006 and several extensions have been granted. She continued that no action has been taken to bring the mobile home up to Parish Codes and, although the structure has been “boarded up”, Administration recommends that condemnation be ordered and that the Planning & Zoning Department be authorized to begin the bid process to demolish the structure.

In response to questioning, Ms. Hite stated that ownership of the property was recently recorded in her name and that several potential buyers have reneged on moving the mobile home.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council continue, until February 25, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., the condemnation hearing on the property located at 120 Oak Forest Drive, owned by Ms. Mary Hite.”

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

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

The Chairman relinquished the chair to the Vice Chairwoman.

Senior Planner Leesa Foreman presented the historical background on the property located at 1139 ½ Willow Street, owned by Mrs. Perry Templeton and recommended that the condemnation hearing be closed on this property.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Council concur with the recommendation of Administration to close the condemnation hearing on the property located at 1139 ½ Willow Street, owned by Mrs. Perry Templeton.”

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

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

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council concur with the recommendation of Administration to continue, until February 25, 2008 at 6:00 p. m., the condemnation proceedings on the property located at 148 Prince Collins Street, owned by Ms. Martha Ann Bradley.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Senior Planner Leesa Foreman presented the historical background on the property located at 148 Prince Collins Street, noted that the property is currently in the Bankruptcy Court; and then yielded to the Special Legal Advisor.

Special Legal Advisor Laddie Freeman explained that the owner filed bankruptcy under Chapter 13 and promised to continue making mortgage payments on the aforementioned property. He continued that Ms. Bradley’s attorney indicated that she is still paying the mortgage payment and that her intent is to rehabilitate the home. Mr. Freeman noted that should the Council decide to proceed with condemnation, the Parish would need to file a motion with the Bankruptcy Court requesting that the “Stay Order” be lifted.

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

The Chairman recognized Ms. Ora Mae Martin of 5960 North Bayou Black Drive, who stated that the structure being considered tonight is actually located at 5958 North Bayou Black Drive, and is owned by the Estate of Mr. Levy Bogan.

Mr. James Bogen of Monarch Drive interjected that the structure located at 5958 North Bayou Black Drive belongs to Ms. Martin and noted that some improvements have been made. He noted problems with financing the repairs and finding labor to repair the structure.

Senior Planner Leesa Foreman stated that Administration recommends continuing the condemnation proceedings and complimented the family on making progress in improving the structure.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, “THAT, the Council concur with the recommendation of Administration to continue, until February 25, 2008 at 6:00 p. m., the condemnation proceedings on the property located at 5960 North Bayou Black Drive, owned by the Estate of Mr. Levy Bogan.”

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

Senior Planner Leesa Foreman presented the historical background on the property located at 419 Fieldcrest Drive, owned by Mr. Patrick Robertson and recommended that the condemnation proceedings on the aforementioned property be closed.

Ms. T. Cavalier moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, the Council concur with the recommendation of Administration to close the condemnation proceedings on the property located at 419 Fieldcrest Drive, owned by Mr. Patrick Robertson.”

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

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Carolyn Billiot, of Hacienda Drive and heir of the property located at 121 Old Bridge Road, and Ms. Katina Foret of Grand Caillou Road, who stated that repairs are being made to the structure and requested additional time to complete the repairs.

Senior Planner Leesa Foreman presented the historical background on the aforementioned property of which she noted that the property has been considered for condemnation since 2006, that no real work has been done to the structure, that the roof has serious structural problems, and that Administration recommends proceeding with condemning the property and authorizing the Planning & Zoning Department to proceed with bids to demolish the structure.

In response to questioning, Ms. Billiot stated that no repairs have been completed on the structure because a trailer had to be removed and work has been completed in the yard. She noted that several of the heirs have refused to assist with repairing the structure.

Mr. Foret interjected that a succession of the property has been completed and noted that there are eight (8) owners of the property.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council find that the structure located at 121 Old Bridge Road, owned by the heirs of the Estate of Ms. Emelda P. Verdin and Mr. Vernice Parfait, as per the legal description:

‘A certain tract of land situated in the Parish of Terrebonne, Louisiana, on the left descending bank of Bayou Dulac, about seventeen (170 miles below the City of Houma, measuring a front of thirty (3)) feet on the public road paralleling said public road, above by the south line of the property of Miss Ella K. Hooper, now or formerly, and below by property of Mr. John Parfait, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all rights, ways, privileges and servitudes thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining; less parcel 2-1 right-of-way for Bayou Dulac Bridge expropriated by the State of Louisiana through Department of Highways, containing 0.06 acres. (See COB 476 folio 674-675 and COB 555 folio 73, and COB 1419 folio 791.’

is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the health, safety, and welfare of the public and therefore the structure on subject property is hereby condemned and the owner is ordered to demolish and remove the structure in default of which the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government may proceed to do so and that in accordance therewith the Parish Administration be authorized to proceed with the bidding process for the removal.” (**MOTION AMENDED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Discussion transpired relative to demolishing the structure and who would bear the cost for such.

Ad Hoc Attorney Kerry Byrne stated that only the heirs of Ms. Emelda P. Verdin have an interest in said property and that the heirs of Mr. Vernice Parfait own the batture property. He continued that Ms. Elaine Boudreaux, Ms. Stephanie Verdin, and the heirs of Ms. Jennifer V. Bergeron wish to sell the property.

Councilwoman C. Duplantis suggested that the family consult the Parish Government with respect to obtaining funding to rehabilitate the structure.

Mr. C. Voisin offered an amendment, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council find that the structure located at 121 Old Bridge Road, owned by the heirs of the Estate of Ms. Emelda P. Verdin, namely Maxine Verdin Boudreaux, - Ms. Elaine V. Boudreaux, Ms. Elaine M. Boudreaux, Ms. Carolyn V. Billiot, Ms. Stephanie Verdin Parfait, Ms. Jennifer Verdin (deceased) and Mr. Ryan Verdin, as per the legal description:

‘A certain tract of land situated in the Parish of Terrebonne, Louisiana, on the left descending bank of Bayou Dulac, about seventeen (170 miles below the City of Houma, measuring a front of thirty (3)) feet on the public road paralleling said public road, above by the south line of the property of Miss Ella K. Hooper, now or formerly, and below by property of Mr. John Parfait, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all rights, ways, privileges and servitudes thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining; less parcel 2-1 right-of-way for Bayou Dulac Bridge
SPECIAL SESSION NOVEMBER 26, 2007

expropriated by the State of Louisiana through Department of Highways, containing 0.06 acres. (See COB 476 folio 674-675 and COB 555 folio 73, and COB 1419 folio 791.)

is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the health, safety, and welfare of the public and therefore the structure on subject property is hereby condemned and the owner is ordered to demolish and remove the structure by January 25, 2008 in default of which the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government may proceed to do so and that in accordance therewith the Parish Administration be authorized to proceed with the bidding process for the removal.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION)

In response to questioning regarding the potential tax lien, Ms. Foreman stated that the lien would be placed on the property taxes.

Mr. Freeman interjected that there are two legal descriptions for the aforementioned property and noted that the lien would only apply to the property with the structure.

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

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

The Chairman relinquished the chair to the Vice Chairwoman.

Senior Planner Leesa Foreman presented the historical background on the property located at 407 Leona Street, owned by Ms. Millie Verdin of which she noted that the owners are making repairs to the structure and then recommended that the condemnation proceedings be continued until February 25, 2008.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, the Council continue, until February 25, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., the condemnation proceedings for the property located at 407 Leona Street, owned by Ms. Millie Verdin.”

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

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

The Chairman resumed the chair.

Ad Hoc Attorney Kerry Byrne stated that the record owners of the property located at 504 Margaret Street are Mr. Richard Belanger and Ms. Tina Belanger, who has remarried and is now Mrs. Tina Gilmer. He continued that he has spoken with Mrs. Tina Gilmer who informed him of her subsequent divorce from Mr. Belanger in 2002 and that Mr. Belanger intended to repair the home, but has since stopped payment on the home and his whereabouts are unknown. Mr. Byrne stated that neither party has any interest in repairing the structure.

Special Legal Advisor Laddie Freeman stated that the mortgage company holding the mortgage on the property located at 504 Margaret Street has filed foreclosure proceedings and it will eventually come up for Sheriff’s sale. He noted that the attorney for the mortgage company has been informed of the proceedings and the attorney was notified that he should take whatever steps he deems necessary to protect his client’s interests although no further discussions have transpired.

Ms. A. Williams, moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert and Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council find that the structure located at 504 Margaret Street, owned by Mr. Richard Belanger and Ms. Tina Schexnaydre Belanger a/k/a Mrs. Tina Schexnaydre Gilmer, as per the legal description:

‘A certain lot of ground, located in the City of Houma, Louisiana, measuring sixty (60’) feet front on the south side of Margaret Avenue, by a depth between parallel lines of one hundred ten (110’) feet;
said lot being known and designated as LOT ONE (1) in BLOCK EIGHT (8) on a plan of the BREAUX-MORRISON ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HOUMA, LA, made by T. Baker Smith, C. E., under date of August 19th, 1932, on file and of record in the Clerk’s Office, Parish of Terrebonne, Louisiana; said lot being bounded North by Margaret Avenue, West by Goode Street, South by lot Three of Block Eight, and East by Lot Two of Block Eight, all as is shown on said plan of the Subdivision of the Breaux-Morrison Addition; together with all the rights, ways, privileges and servitudes thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining.’

is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the health, safety, and welfare of the public and therefore the structure on subject property is hereby condemned and the owner is ordered to demolish and remove the structure within twenty-four (24) hours in default of which the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government may proceed to do so and that in accordance therewith the Parish Administration be authorized to proceed with the bidding process for the removal.”

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

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

Ad Hoc Attorney Kerry Byrne stated that Mr. McKinley Crawford resides in Covington, GA and that he has been unable to contact Mr. Crawford via mail.

Councilwoman A. Williams stated that Mr. Crawford recently relocated to Houma and that a building permit has been acquired to begin renovating the structure.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr., “THAT, the Council continue until February 25, 2008 at 6:00 p. m., the condemnation proceedings for the property located at 1012 Daspit Street, owned by Mr. McKinley Crawford.”

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

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

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, ““THAT, the Council find that the structure located at 113 Rochel Court, owned by Mr. Joseph Deon, Jr. and Mrs. Kathryn Deon, as per the legal description:

‘A certain parcel of land situated in the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, ins Sections No. 59, 60 and/or 61, T16S, R18E, and Section 72, T16S, R15E of Terrebonne Parish, measuring a frontage of Ninety-three (93’) feet along the northerly boundary line between the properties of Gerald Rochel and Alice Rochel Braud and running parallel to the said line by depth of survey; bounded as follows, north by property of Alice R. Braud, west by property of Gerald Rochel, east by property of John Rochel and south by property of Joe Canata, together with all buildings and improvements thereon and all rights, ways, privileges and servitudes thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.’

is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the health, safety, and welfare of the public and therefore the structure on subject property is hereby condemned and the owner is ordered to demolish and remove the structure within twenty-four (24) hours in default of which the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government may proceed to do so and that in accordance therewith the Parish Administration be authorized to proceed with the bidding process for the removal.”

(**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Senior Planner Leesa Foreman stated that Administration has had no contact with the owners of the aforementioned property, for which there has been no work on the structure, and that Administration recommends proceeding with condemning the property.

**The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.
SPECIAL SESSION  NOVEMBER 26, 2007

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

The Chairman relinquished the chair to the Vice Chairwoman.

The Vice Chairwoman recognized Mr. Gerald Lyons of Roselawn Avenue and heir of the property located at 2604 St. Joseph Street, who expressed his desire to demolish the structure and his willingness to allow the Parish to do so at a reasonable cost.

Senior Planner Leesa Foreman stated that there have been no repairs to the aforementioned property and recommended that the Council proceed with condemning the property. Ms. Foreman cautioned Mr. Lyons that should the Parish demolish the structure, additional administrative fees may be included in the demolition costs and suggested that the property owner be given a specified time period in which to demolish the structure.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr., “THAT, the Council find that the structure located at 2604 St. Joseph Street, owned by Mrs. James Lyons and Mrs. Annie White Lyons, as per the legal description:

‘A certain lot of ground, situated in the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, in Barrow town, about two miles below the City of Houma designated upon a plan of survey of said Barrowtown, made by Achee and Wilkinson, as Lot No. Three (3) in Square Seven (7), measuring a front of 60 feet on the south side of Sixth Street by depth of 120 feet; together with all rights, ways, privileges and servitudes thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining.’

is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the health, safety, and welfare of the public and therefore the structure on subject property is hereby condemned and the owner is ordered to demolish and remove the structure by January 25, 2008 in default of which the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government may proceed to do so and that in accordance therewith the Parish Administration be authorized to proceed with the bidding process for the removal.”

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

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

The Chairman resumed the chair.

Senior Planner Leesa Foreman presented the historical background on the property located at 401 Levron Street, owned by Mr. Emile Levron, Mr. Luis Londono, and Ms. Tammy Londono, noted that rehabilitation of the aforementioned property has been successful, and that Administration recommends closing the condemnation proceedings.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council close the condemnation proceedings for the property located at 401 Levron Street, owned by Mr. Emile Levron, Mr. Luis Londono, and Ms. Tammy Londono.

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

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

Councilwomen C. Duplantis and A. Williams exited the proceedings at 7:11 p. m.
The Chairman recognized Mr. Tim McCubbin of Century 21, who stated that a pre-inspection list for repairs to the structure at 411 Carthage Drive was received in October 2006, that the property has been cleaned, that the property was listed for sale on October 9, 2007, that the property is pending sale “as is”, and that an investor has expressed interest in rehabilitating the property.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Lew Robichaux of Carthage Drive, who wanted to see photographs of the structure prior to the photographs presented this evening.

Senior Planner Leesa Foreman presented the historical background on the aforementioned property and noted that the structure has been exposed the elements, there is a huge mold problem, the interior ceiling is sagging, and plumbing issues exist. She noted that a lot of work must be completed on the structure in order to bring the structure up to Parish Codes and added that Administration has had no contact with the property owner, although there is an agent of record for a pending sale. Ms. Foreman recommended continuing the condemnation proceedings until February 25, 2008 in order to allow Administration to monitor progress and discuss the Building Code Violations with the owner.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr., “THAT, the Council concur with the recommendation of Administration to continue, until February 25, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., the condemnation proceedings for the property located at 411 Carthage Drive, owned by Wells Fargo Bank, N. A.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. H. Lapeyre.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: C. Duplantis and A. Williams.
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 the vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Rhodes.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: C. Duplantis and A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

SUZETTE THOMAS
MINUTE CLERK

ATTEST:

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

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