

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL
IN SPECIAL SESSION
JANUARY 9, 2020

The Inaugural Ceremony for the 2020-2024 Terrebonne Parish Council and Parish President commenced at 6:00 p.m. at the H. L. Bourgeois High School Auditorium with an Invocation offered by Rev. Willie Bonvillain, III of Howard Third Zion Baptist Church.

The Presentation of Colors were presented by the Houma Police Department/Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office Color Guard. Council Member S. Dryden led the Pledge of Allegiance. Followed by the St. Matthew's Episcopal School Choristers who sang the National Anthem.

The Chairwoman, Ms. A. Williams, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. at the H. L. Bourgeois High School Auditorium.

Council Member J. Navy stated that he wished to honor and recognize the outgoing Council Members as service leaders and offered the following commendations and awards to that end.

Council Chairwoman A. Williams read aloud a commendation recognizing and commending Council Member C. Duplantis-Prather for her years of service to Terrebonne Parish while serving as a Council Member.

Upon Council Member J. Navy's request, the Honorable Judge Juan Pickett read aloud a commendation recognizing and commending Council Chairwoman A. Williams for her years of service to Terrebonne Parish while serving as a Council Member.

Council Member J. Navy read aloud a commendation recognizing and commending Council Member S. Dryden for his years of service to Terrebonne Parish while serving as a Council Member.

Upon Council Member J. Navy's request, the Chairwoman recognized the Honorable Jerry Larpenfer, Terrebonne Parish Sheriff, who shared a number of opinions and then encouraged the Council to seek cooperation when making decisions for the Parish. He then presented awards to Council Chairwoman A. Williams and Council Member C. Duplantis-Prather for their years of service to Terrebonne Parish.

Upon Council Member J. Navy's request, the Chairwoman recognized Mr. Gary Williams, Jr., Assistant District Attorney, who shared some of his experiences with the Chairwoman over the years and thanked her for her many years of service on behalf of the District Attorney's Office.

Upon Council Member J. Navy's request, the Chairwoman recognized the Honorable Judge Juan Pickett who presented awards of distinguished service to Council Chairwoman A. Williams and Council Member C. Duplantis-Prather in recognition of their professionalism, devotion to duty, and exemplary public service.

The Chairwoman recognized the Honorable Gordon E. Dove, Parish President, who presented a token of appreciation to the Chairwoman for her years of service dedicated toward the betterment of her constituents and the betterment of Terrebonne Parish as a whole.

Upon roll call, Council Members recorded as present were: D. J. Guidry, S. Trosclair, J. Navy, A. Williams, G. Michel, S. Dryden, C. Duplantis-Prather, and D. W. Guidry, Sr. Council Member A. Marmande was recorded as absent. A quorum was declared present.

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Council Member C. Duplantis-Prather read a memorial for the following deceased former elected officials then requested that a moment of silence be observed in honor of their memory:

Hon. Peter G. Bourgeois, Jr. – City of Houma Alderman and Terrebonne Parish Police Juror
Hon. Joseph B. “J. B.” Breaux, – Terrebonne Parish Council Member
Hon. John Winston English, Sr. – Terrebonne Parish Council Member
Hon. Robert Domangue – Terrebonne Parish Council Member
Hon. I. Robert Boudreaux – Terrebonne Parish Clerk of Court
Hon. Paul Fournier – Terrebonne Parish Police Juror
Hon. Ray Marcello – City of Houma Alderman.

Council Chairwoman A. Williams recognized the following former and current elected officials in attendance for the evening’s proceedings:

Representative Beryl Amedée
Incoming Council Member John Amedée
Incoming Council Member Daniel Babin
Former Council Member Mart Black
Former Parish President Barry Bonvillain
Former Council Member Joey Cehan
Incoming Council Member Jessica Domangue
Constable Lloyd Gibson
Mr. David Cavell on behalf of Congressman Garrett Graves
Incoming Council Member Carl Harding
School Board Member Greg Harding
Former Council Member Billy Hebert
Sheriff Jerry Larpenter
Judge Juan Pickett
Clerk of Court Theresa Robichaux
Incoming Sheriff Tim Soignet
Judge Mitchell Theriot
Former Council Member Alvin Tillman
Judge John Weimer
Former School Board Member Roosevelt Thomas

Ms. C. Duplantis-Prather moved, seconded by Mr. D. J. Guidry, “THAT the 2016-2020 Terrebonne Parish Council adjourn ‘Sine Die’.”

The Chairwoman called for a vote of the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis-Prather.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: D. J. Guidry, S. Trosclair, J. Navy, A. Williams, G. Michel, S. Dryden,
C. Duplantis-Prather, and D. W. Guidry, Sr.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: A. Marmande.

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Council Clerk V. Chauvin introduced the incoming 2020-2024 Terrebonne Parish Council and Parish President.

The Honorable Theresa A. Robichaux, Clerk of Court, administered the Oath of Office to the Honorable Gordon E. Dove, Parish President.

Hon. Theresa A. Robichaux, Clerk of Court, then administered the Oath of Office to each of the 2020-2024 Terrebonne Parish Council.

The Honorable John Navy – District 1
The Honorable Carl Harding – District 2
The Honorable Gerald Michel – District 3

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The Honorable John Amedée – District 4
The Honorable Jessica Domangue – District 5
The Honorable Darrin Guidry, Sr. – District 6
The Honorable Daniel Babin – District 7
The Honorable Dirk Guidry – District 8
The Honorable Steve Trosclair – District 9

Hon. Theresa A. Robichaux, acting as temporary Chairwoman of the Terrebonne Parish Council, called for nominations for the position of Council Chairperson.

Council Member J. Navy nominated Council Member S. Trosclair for the position of Council Chairperson for 2020.

Mr. J. Navy moved, seconded by Mr. J. Amedée and Mr. D. Babin, “THAT the nomination of Council Member S. Trosclair be accepted, that Mr. Trosclair be elected, by acclamation, as 2020 Chairman of the Terrebonne Parish Council, and that all further nominations be closed.”

Temporary Chairwoman Theresa A. Robichaux called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Navy.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: J. Navy, C. Harding, G. Michel, J. Amedée, J. Domangue, D. W. Guidry, Sr., D. Babin, D. J. Guidry, and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Temporary Chairwoman Theresa A. Robichaux declared the motion adopted.

Council Member S. Trosclair assumed the Chair then thanked the Council for their support in his election as Council Chairperson and congratulated them on their own successful elections to become Council Members.

Council Chairman S. Trosclair called for nominations for the position of Council Vice-Chairperson.

Council Member J. Navy nominated Council Member D. W. Guidry, Sr. for the position of Council Vice-Chairperson for 2020.

Mr. J. Navy moved, seconded unanimously, “THAT the nomination of Council Member D. W. Guidry, Sr. be accepted, that Mr. Guidry be elected, by acclamation, as 2020 Vice-Chairman of the Terrebonne Parish Council, and that all further nominations be closed.”

The Chairman called for a vote of the motion offered by Mr. J. Navy.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: J. Navy, C. Harding, G. Michel, J. Amedée, J. Domangue, D. W. Guidry, Sr., D. Babin, D. J. Guidry, and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. G. Michel moved, seconded by Mr. D. Babin, “THAT the Council adopt ‘Robert’s Rules of Order’ as the rules of operation for the Terrebonne Parish Council.”

The Chairman called for a vote of the motion offered by Mr. G. Michel.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: J. Navy, C. Harding, G. Michel, J. Amedée, J. Domangue, D. W. Guidry, Sr., D. Babin, D. J. Guidry, and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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The Chairman read aloud a proposed resolution setting the Regular Council Meeting dates for the year 2020.

OFFERED BY: Mr. D. W. Guidry, Sr.
SECONDED BY: Mr. J. Navy.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-001

COUNCIL 2020 MEETING DATES

COMMITTEE MEETINGS – 5:30 p.m.	COUNCIL MEETINGS – 6:00 p.m.
January 14 (Tuesday, due to the National Championship Games in New Orleans)	January 15
January 27 Condemnation Hearings	January 30 (Thursday, due to Chamber Banquet on Wednesday)
February 3	February 5
February 17	February 19
March 9	March 11
March 23	March 25
April 13	April 15
April 27 Condemnation Hearings	April 29
May 11	May 13
May 26 (Tuesday, due to Memorial Day Holiday)	May 27
June 8	June 10
June 22	June 24
July 13	July 15
July 27 Condemnation Hearings	July 29
August 10	August 12
August 24	August 26
September 8 (Tuesday, due to Labor Day Holiday)	September 9
September 21	September 23
October 12	October 14
October 26 Condemnation Hearings	October 28
November 2	November 4
November 16	November 18
December 7	December 9
December 14	December 16

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Regular Session Council Meetings shall begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room on the second floor of the Government Tower at 8026 Main Street, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council will schedule committee meetings on the Monday preceding the Regular Meetings of the Council as regularly as possible, however ****committee meetings** may be scheduled on a different day and/or at a different time, as decided upon by the Council; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council may call additional committee meetings and/or Special Sessions of the Council as deemed necessary.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: J. Navy, C. Harding, G. Michel, J. Amedee, J. Domangue, D. W. Guidry, Sr., D. Babin, D. J. Guidry, and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: None.

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ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 9th day of January 2020.

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Mr. G. Michel moved, seconded by Mr. J. Navy, "THAT the Council name the following individuals to serve as the 2020-2024 Council Staff:

Mrs. Venita H. Chauvin – Council Clerk
Ms. Suzette Thomas – Assistant Council Clerk
Mrs. Tammy E. Triggs – Senior Minute Clerk
Mr. Keith Hampton – Minute Clerk."

The Chairman called for a vote of the motion offered by Mr. G. Michel.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: J. Navy, C. Harding, G. Michel, J. Amedée, J. Domangue, D. W. Guidry, Sr.,
D. Babin, D. J. Guidry, and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Gordon E. Dove, Parish President, who congratulated the new Council then thanked his family for their attendance during the inauguration ceremonies. He then gave an overview of the projects completed regarding drainage systems, other capital improvements, new Parish services being offered, and revamped recreation programs achieved over the past four years then thanked the many Parish employees and associated organizations for their successes in achieving those improvements.

The Chairman recognized Rev. Craig Dalferes of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church who offered the Benediction.

Mr. J. Navy moved, seconded by Mr. G. Michel, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned."

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Navy.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: J. Navy, C. Harding, G. Michel, J. Amedée, J. Domangue, D. W. Guidry, Sr.,
D. Babin, D. J. Guidry, and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

KEITH M. HAMPTON, MINUTE CLERK

/s/STEVE TROSCLAIR, CHAIRMAN
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

/s/VENTITA H. CHAUVIN, COUNCIL CLERK
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