PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL
IN REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 11, 2009

The Chairwoman, Ms. A. Williams, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room. Following the Invocation, led by Councilman J. Pizzolatto, Councilwoman T. Cavalier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call, Council Members recorded as present were: J. Pizzolatto, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert, and T. Cavalier. A quorum was declared present.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. J. Cehan and Mr. B. Hebert, “THAT, the Council approve the minutes of the Regular Council Session held on 2/22/09.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. K. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. J. Pizzolatto, “THAT, the Council approve the Parish Bill List dated March 11, 2009.”

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. K. Voisin.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09-097

WHEREAS, the Mardi Gras season is one of the most festive and entertaining times of year for many people from not only Terrebonne Parish, but for people from across the planet, and

WHEREAS, due to the arrival of thousands of visitors and due to the very nature of the season, Mardi Gras in general plays a major role in the overall economy of Terrebonne Parish, and

WHEREAS, because of the very nature of the Mardi Gras parades, parties and general frivolities and due to the tremendous influx of out-of-parish viewers, the importance of law enforcement during this fun-loving time of year cannot be understated, and

WHEREAS, the proud and dedicated employees of the Houma Police Department and the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff’s Office are responsible for a very orderly, organized and logical atmosphere for viewers to enjoy “the greatest free show on earth”, and
WHEREAS, due to the actions and abilities of the local law enforcement agencies, the residents of Terrebonne Parish were spared of any major law violations and all viewers were able to enjoy the parades in a relatively peaceful environment, and

WHEREAS, each and every member of the two local law enforcement agencies should be congratulated for their part in assuming responsibility for a colossal effort in maintaining law and order during a potentially troublesome time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of Parish President Michel H. Claudet and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the members of the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff’s Office and the Houma Police Department be congratulated for once again performing a Herculean job in maintaining law and order during the 2009 Mardi Gras Season.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 11th day of March, 2009.

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The Chairwoman recognized Sheriff L. Vernon Bourgeois, Jr. and Interim Police Chief Todd Duplantis, who thanked the Council and Parish President for the commendation and expressed appreciation to their staff for their assistance with a successful 2009 Mardi Gras Season.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09-098

WHEREAS, many parents are appropriately concerned about illegal drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, and ecstasy, but often ignore the dangers posed by common household products ; and,

WHEREAS, inhalants are volatile substances that produce chemical vapors that can be inhaled to produce a mind altering effect; and,

WHEREAS, “Sudden Sniffing Death Syndrome” can occur the 1st , 10th, or at any time a person uses an inhalant ; and,

WHEREAS, inhalant abuse can also cause death by asphyxiation, suffocation, convulsions, coma, choking, and fatal injury due to accidents; and,

WHEREAS, birth defects similar to Fetal Alcohol Syndrome can occur when inhalants are used during pregnancy; and,

WHEREAS, inhalants can damage the protective sheath around nerve fibers in the brain, causing effects clinically similar to neurological disease such as multiple sclerosis; and

WHEREAS, inhalants are an equal opportunity method of substance abuse, with over 1,000 inexpensive household products readily available; and,

WHEREAS, treatment facilities for inhalant users are rare and difficult to find; users suffer a high rate of relapse, and often require thirty to forty days or more of detoxification; and,
WHEREAS, National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week is a community mobilization campaign that involves youth, schools, media, police agencies, health organizations, civic groups, etc., and has been proven to be an effective tool for fighting inhalant use.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of Parish President Michel Claudet and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby join with The Bayou Council On Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, a United Way Agency, and the Lafourche Prevention partnership to proclaim March 15th through 21st, 2009 as: NATIONAL INHALANTS AND POISONS AWARENESS WEEK IN HOUMA-TERREBONNE and also call upon all citizens, parents, businesses, hospitals, and schools in Terrebonne Parish to increase awareness that the danger of inhalant use is literally right under our noses.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 11th day of March, 2009.

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The Chairwoman recognized Mr. S. P. LaRussa, local real estate developer, who expressed his concerns relative to the lack of development in Terrebonne Parish caused by what he believes is the amount of regulations. He requested that a Town Hall meeting be called to get input from developers, engineers, the Planning Commission, and the Parish Public Works Department.

Mr. B. Hebert moved, seconded by Mr. J. Cehan, “THAT, the Council extend Mr. S. P. LaRussa’s time an additional two minutes.”

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. B. Hebert.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. S. P. LaRussa continued his comments regarding his concerns relative to the lack of development happening in Terrebonne Parish, and his concerns relative to national banks not making loans for housing.

Councilman K. Voisin expressed his support for development in Terrebonne Parish but stated that regulations need to be in place for responsible development that address drainage/traffic problems that are currently being experienced.

Councilman B. Hebert requested Council Chairwoman A. Williams to call a Town Hall meeting with Council Members, Planning Commission Members, developers, engineers, inspectors, bankers, etc. to discuss development and housing in the Parish.

Chairwoman A. Williams requested Interim Parish Manager P. Gordon to come up with a date to hold a Town Hall meeting to discuss development and housing in the Parish and invite South Central Planning to take part in the meeting. She instructed the Council Staff to invite developers, bankers, engineers, Subdivision Review Committee Members, etc. to the meeting.

Mr. J. Pizzolatto moved, seconded by Mr. B. Hebert, “THAT, it now being 6:30 p.m., the Council open public hearings at this time.”

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Pizzolatto.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  None
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairwoman recognized the public for comments on the following:

A. A proposed ordinance that will dedicate and accept the maintenance/operation of the streets, drainage servitudes, and rights-of-way for Acadian Villa Subdivision, Addendum No. 2, Phase A, and incorporate “Gabreten Lane” and “Acadian Villa Street” into the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System

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

Mr. K. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. B. Hebert, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. K. Voisin.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  None
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. K. Voisin.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. J. Cehan.

ORDINANCE NO. 7616

AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING AND ACCEPTING THE MAINTENANCE/OPERATION OF THE STREET(S), DRAINAGE SERVITUDES, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR “ACADIAN VILLA SUBDIVISION, ADDENDUM NO. 2, PHASE A” AND TO INCORPORATE “GABRETEN LANE” AND THE EXTENSION OF “ACADIAN VILLA STREET” INTO THE ENHANCED 911 EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A BETTER MEANS OF LOCATING ADDRESSES; AND TO SET FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE INCORPORATION OF STREET NAME(S), TO INFORM THE PROPER AGENCIES OF THE STREET NAME(S), AND TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF THE APPROPRIATE STREET SIGN(S), AND TO ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, dedicates and accepts the maintenance/operation of the street(s), drainage servitudes, and rights-of-way as depicted on a plat, prepared on May 8, 2007, and revised December 18, 2008 by David A. Waitz Engineering and Surveying, Inc. titled “Acadian Villa Subdivision, Addendum No. 2, Phase A,” a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED effective on the 18th day of March, 2009, that “Gabreten Lane” and the extension of “Acadian Villa Street” be incorporated into the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of this ordinance be submitted to the Terrebonne Parish Communications Board, local U.S. Postal Services, fire districts, Acadian Ambulance, Terrebonne Parish Sheriff’s Office, and any other appropriate agency; and
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish Forces be directed to install the proper street sign on the appropriate street, and that any other actions relative thereto be addressed.

SECTION II

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

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:
THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  None.
The Chairwoman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 11th day of March, 2009.

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The Chairwoman recognized the public for comments on the following:

B. A proposed ordinance that will authorize the acquisition of sites and/or servitudes required for the Terrebonne Non-Federal Levee Project, authorize the Parish President to execute any and all documents necessary, and authorize the Parish Legal Staff to commence expropriation proceedings in the event the sites/and or servitudes cannot be obtained conventionally

The Chairwoman recognized Mr. Reggie Bourg, Bourg resident, who expressed his concerns relative to the proposed ordinance not indicating where this levee is, and if it is the extension of the Dulac levees, he is opposed to it.

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

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

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. Voisin.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  None
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 7617

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF SITES AND/OR SERVITUDES REQUIRED FOR THE TERREBONNE NON-FEDERAL LEVEE PROJECT, AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO P.L. 109-234; AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE SITES AND/OR SERVITUDES FOR THE SAID PURPOSES; TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH LEGAL STAFF TO COMMENCE EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS IN THE EVENT THE SITES AND/OR SERVITUDES CANNOT BE OBTAINED CONVENTIONALLY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.
SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, in due, regular and legal sessions convened, that the Parish Administration is hereby authorized to acquire any and all servitudes that are required to facilitate construction and maintenance, and improvement of the Terrebonne Non-Federal Levee Project, authorized pursuant to P.L. 109-234; that the Parish President, Michel Claudet, is hereby authorized and empowered for and on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government to execute documents necessary to acquire the sites and/or servitudes for the above stated purpose for consideration he deems just and reasonable, not to exceed fair market value, and that the Parish Legal Department is hereby authorized, at the direction of the Parish Administration, to institute expropriation and/or any other legal proceedings necessary to acquire the necessary sites and/or servitudes for the above mentioned purposes.

SECTION II

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

SECTION III

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

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  None.
The Chairwoman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 11th day of March, 2009.

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The Chairwoman recognized the public for comments on the following:

C. A proposed ordinance that will amend the 2009 Budget to fund the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRM) appeal

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

Mr. J. Cehan moved, seconded by Mr. K. Voisin, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  None
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Upon questioning by Councilman C. Voisin, Interim Parish Manager P. Gordon stated that the proposed budget amendment is for $225,000. for consulting fees and named the project consultants. He stated that the Louisiana CPRA would be involved in the project, which is no cost to TPCG.
OFFERED BY: Mr. J. Cehan.
SECONDED BY: Mr. K. Voisin.

ORDINANCE NO. 7618

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2009 ADOPTED OPERATING BUDGET TO FUND THE DIGITAL FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS (DFIRM) TECHNICAL APPEAL PROCESS; AND TO ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, Administration is requesting $225,000 to fund the technical appeal process of the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRM), and

WHEREAS, DFIRM delineate flood-risk zones and serve as an integral part of the National Flood Insurance Program, which plays a significant role in defense against flood losses on an individual, community, state, and national basis, and

WHEREAS, the preliminary flood maps were developed as part of the nationwide map modernization effort spearheaded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which administers the National Flood Insurance Program.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2009 Adopted Budget be amended for the technical appeal process.

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.

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:
THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairwoman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 11th day of March, 2009.

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AMENDMENT A - DFIRM

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The Chairwoman recognized the public for comments on the following:

D. A proposed ordinance that will amend the 2009 Budget to provide additional funding for the implementation of the Waters Consulting Group’s Compensation Plan
Parish President M. Claudet explained the stability of the current financial situation of the TPCG and that the increase that is being presented on the Waters Study is affordable. He stated that the Parish Employees have had added responsibilities placed upon them since the hurricanes and are well deserving of a pay adjustment.

The Chairwoman recognized Mr. Herdis Neil, Montegut resident, who expressed his support in giving the Parish Employees an increase in salary.

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

Mr. K. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing."

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. K. Voisin.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  None
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. K. Voisin.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. A. Tillman.

ORDINANCE NO. 7619

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2009 ADOPTED BUDGET OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATERS COMPENSATION PLAN.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, with Administration’s request and Council’s approval through Ordinance Number 7444, Waters Consultant Group was contracted to update the Parish’s Classification and Compensation Plan, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the study, Administration desires to bring all Parish employees who meet their minimum requirements of their position to the Minimum Step per the Waters Compensation Plan or up to 3% Wage Adjustment that does not exceed the Maximum Step, whichever is greater, and

WHEREAS, the total cost to implement these increases is $1,207,130 of which $402,431 will be absorbed by the departmental budgets and the remainder of $804,699 will be adjusted per Attachment A.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2009 Adopted Budget of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended for the increase in wages to implement the Waters Compensation Plan. (Attachment A)

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:
THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  None.
The Chairwoman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 11th day of March, 2009.

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## ATTACHMENT A - WATERS COMPENSATION PLAN

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The Chairwoman recognized the public for comments on the following:

E. A proposed ordinance that will adopt a new Parish Compensation and Classification Plan as per an independent study prepared by the Waters Consulting Group

Parish President M. Claudet emphasized his previous comments and stated he really feels the Parish Employees deserve a pay adjustment.

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

Mr. K. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

Councilman J. Pizzolatto expressed his concerns relative to the Federal Government’s proposal to cut $30 billion out of oil companies’ incentives having an effect on Terrebonne Parish in the near future. He expressed his concerns relative to implementing the total Waters Consulting Group’s Compensation Plan at this time.

Councilman K. Voisin expressed his concerns relative to the dramatic increase in the price of food in a long time. He also expressed his concerns for losing personnel who know the Parish and the need to compensate them in order to keep them.

Councilwoman T. Cavalier expressed her support in bringing Parish Employees’ salaries at least to the minimum level and paying them for what they are worth.
Councilman A. Tillman expressed his support for adequately compensating employees, particularly the hourly employees, to show appreciation for their hard work.

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. K. Voisin.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS:  J. Pizzolatto
ABSENT:  None

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. K. Voisin.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. A. Tillman.

ORDINANCE NO. 7620

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A NEW PARISH COMPENSATION AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN AS PER INDEPENDENT STUDY PREPARED BY THE WATERS CONSULTING GROUP AND TO ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, the Parish entered into an agreement with the Waters Consulting Group to prepare a new Compensation and Classification Plan, and

WHEREAS, Administration has reviewed the results and concurs with the study, and

WHEREAS, Administration recommends Steps 1 and 2 of their recommendation:
   Step 1: Implement new pay structures; due to Home Rule Charter provisions, the category for Parish President shall NOT be implemented without separate Council action
      - Employee must meet minimum requirements/standards of classification
   Step 2: Place employees in the new pay structures
      - If below new minimum step, move to minimum step
      - If above the new maximum step, freeze the salary

WHEREAS, Administration recommends an increase of no less than 3% for those employees who have met the minimum step and do not exceed the maximum step (1% for the Fire Department), and

WHEREAS, additional recommendations from Waters will be reviewed and taken under consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Parish Compensation and Classification Plan’s be adopted and to address other matters relative thereto.

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.

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:
THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  J. Pizzolatto.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairwoman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 11th day of March, 2009.

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Mr. J. Cehan moved, seconded by Mr. K. Voisn, “THAT, the Council continue with the regular order of business.”

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Cehan.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairwoman recognized Ms. Mary Jane Peters and Ms. Judy Navarre, Terrebonne Garden Club, who announced the upcoming Cleanest City Contest on March 31, 2009, explained what the judges will be looking for and encouraged everyone to participate in cleaning up the City. They stressed that it could be an ongoing effort to keep the community clean and encouraged Council Members to report litter issues in their districts to the appropriate personnel.

The Chairwoman recognized Ms. Linda Faulk, Coordinator of the Lady Bug Ball, who requested co-sponsorship of the Lady Bug Ball to be held on April 25, 2009 at Southdown Plantation and possibly assistance with parking. She explained some of the activities that will take place at the event, which is mostly free to the public.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. B. Hebert, “THAT, the Council authorize TPCG to co-sponsor the Lady Bug Ball to be held on April 25, 2009 at Southdown Plantation.”

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. Voisin.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairwoman recognized Mr. Daniel Lyons, Chauvin resident, who presented the Council and Parish President with a booklet in the area in Texas where he is currently working concerning Coastal Restoration. He expressed the need for Terrebonne Parish to do something similar to restore the Barrier Islands to protect Terrebonne Parish.

Mr. K. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. J. Cehan, “THAT, the Council extend Mr. Daniel Lyons’ time an additional two minutes.”

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. K. Voisin.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. Daniel Lyons continued his presentation regarding his concerns for the need to provide flood protection for Terrebonne Parish’s coast.

Councilman P. Lambert agreed with Mr. Lyons that working on the levees will be a continuous job and all the components of the Barrier Islands, the Morganza to the Gulf Project and the drainage levees are all needed for Terrebonne Parish to survive from flooding. He stated
that building up the drainage levees is the quickest way to provide close to hurricane strength flood protection.

Councilman J. Cehan stated that he would do everything he can to have rocks put on the Barrier Islands, and to get the passes closed to provide flood protection. He stated that with the Morganza project and the interior levees should place Terrebonne Parish in much better shape as far as flood protection.

Councilman K. Voisin stated that he believes Morganza to the Gulf and the Barrier Islands are essential to address flooding problems, but it is not the full solution.

Councilman C. Voisin stated that he has always supported different phases of providing flood protection, such as the Morganza Project, the Ward 7 Levee Project, the Suzie Canal Project, Orange St. levee, Dularge, etc., which he believes are parts of the puzzle to provide interim flood protection in the future. He stressed the need to rebuild the Barrier Islands back up to break a hurricane’s affects.

The Chairwoman recognized Mr. Reggie Bourg, Bourg resident, who expressed his concerns relative to how the CDBG funding will benefit residents in the rural areas of the Parish. He expressed his concerns relative to the lack of an adopted policy to air public meetings on TPTV. He requested that a policy to air public meetings on TPTV be referred to committee once again.

Mr. K. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Council extend Mr. Reggie Bourg’s time an additional minute.”

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. K. Voisin.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  None

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. Reggie Bourg continued his comments regarding his concerns relative to how he feels all public meetings should be aired on TPTV to better inform the public.

Councilman K. Voisin requested that the matter of airing Council meetings on specific dates and times be sent to the Policy, Procedure & Legal Committee for discussion.

Parish President M. Claudet stated that substantial improvements are being considered to upgrade TPTV in the near future. He also informed Mr. Bourg that the recent meeting held regarding the Barrier Islands was held by the LCA and Corps of Engineers. He stated that at that meeting, the federal government inadvertently left out Wine Island of the study and the Parish has submitted a protest in writing for the omission.

Chairwoman A. Williams stated that it is the goal of TPCG to have affordable housing to be brought to Terrebonne Parish, as a whole.

The Chairwoman recognized Mr. Herdis Neil, Montegut resident, who expressed his concerns with the need to restore Terrebonne Parish’s Barrier Islands and expressed his disappointment with the Corps of Engineers in omitting Wine Island out of their plans.

Councilman P. Lambert requested the Council Clerk to prepare a letter for all the Council Members to sign to support the request to Governor Jindal, Senators Landrieu and Vitter and Congressman Melancon to include Wine Island in the LCA Project.

The Chairwoman called for a report on the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on 3/5/09, whereupon the Committee Chairman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls a public hearing on 3/25/09, rendered the following:
REGULAR SESSION  MARCH 11, 2009

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
MARCH 5, 2009

The Chairman, Billy Hebert, 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 A. Tillman and the Pledge of Allegiance led by C. Voisin. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, J. Cehan, B. Hebert, P. Lambert, J. Pizzolatto, A. Tillman, C. Voisin, and K. Voisin. Committee Member A. Williams was recorded as absent. A quorum was declared present.

The Chairman read a letter from Committee Member A. Williams explaining her late arrival due to her attendance at a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Council Clerk Paul Labat noted that, due to Committee Member A. Williams acting in the capacity of the Parish President in his absence, she will be unable to vote on issues presented this evening.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. J. Pizzolatto.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. J. Cehan.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-099

WHEREAS, on December 29, 2008 bids were received by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for Bid No. 08-1/9-56 for the Purchase of Supplies for Various Departmental Use (Warehouse Inventory), and

WHEREAS, after careful review by the Purchasing Division and approved by Mary Crochet, Warehouse Manager, it has been determined that the bids of Interbo Packing in the amount of $2,082, and Pyramid School Products in the amount of $6,362.70, and Haydel and Robichaux in the amount of $5,718.48 and Economical Janitorial in the amount of $45,815.36 are the lowest qualified and the bids of All American Poly, Calico, Spartan, Voorhies and Bayou Country be rejected for just cause, and

WHEREAS, some inventory items will not be awarded because to no bids were received on them and others being rejected for just cause, the Warehouse Department wishes to re-bid these items at a later date, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance has verified that funds are budgeted and available for said equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has concurred with the recommendation that the bids of Interbo Packing, Pyramid School Products, Haydel and Robichaux, Economical Janitorial are the lowest qualified bids for Bid No. 08-1/9-56 for the Purchase of Supplies for Various Departmental Use (Warehouse Inventory) as per the attached bid forms.

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 Parish Administration is approved and the bids of Interbo Packing in the amount of $2,082, and Pyramid School Products in the amount of $6,362.70, and Haydel and Robichaux in the amount of $5,718.48 and Economical Janitorial in the amount of $45,815.36 are the lowest qualified and the bids of All American Poly, Calico, Spartan, Voorhies and Bayou Country be rejected for just cause, and that the Purchasing Department is hereby authorized to re-bid the remaining items.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT: A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.

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Purchasing Manager Angela Guidry stated that the above authorization provides for the acceptance, rejection, and re-bid of items for the Parish warehouse inventory, as contained within the backup information. In response to questioning, Mrs. Guidry stated that items are being re-bid due to some of those items having issues with their corporate resolutions or for failure to complete the required bid documents.

OFFERED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.
SECONDED BY: Mr. K. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-100

A Resolution awarding Bid No. 08-1/9-62 Purchase of Transit Shelters and Benches to LNI Custom Manufacturing for Benches in the amount of Sixty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Six Dollars and Zero Cents ($68,676.00) and Duo-Gard Industries for Shelters in the amount of Eighty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Zero Cents ($84,915.00).

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities at its sole discretion, based upon the same unit prices,

WHEREAS, Greg Bush, Public Works Director and Wendell Voisin, Transit Administrator have reviewed the bids received and recommends the bid of LNI Custom Manufacturing and Duo-Gard Industries as the lowest responsive bids, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance has certified compliance of this bid with procedural requirements of the bid documents and the availability of funding, and

WHEREAS, based upon these supporting recommendations, the Transit Department recommends the award of Bid No. 08-1/9-62 Purchase of Transit Shelters and Benches to LNI Custom Manufacturing for Benches in the amount of Sixty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Six Dollars and Zero Cents ($68,676.00) and Duo-Gard Industries for Shelters in the amount of Eighty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Zero Cents ($84,915.00), and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, awards Bid #08-1/9-62 Purchase of Transit Shelters and Benches to LNI Custom Manufacturing and Duo-Gard Industries and that the Parish President and all other appropriate parties be, and they are hereby authorized to execute any and all contract documents associated therewith.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.

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Public Works Director Lt. Col. (Ret.) Greg Bush stated that the aforementioned purchase is for fifteen (15) transit shelters, with priority given to those shelters used by the elderly and disabled individuals. He noted that over time, ninety-five (95) bus stops would have transit shelters.

City Marshal Brian LeBlanc requested consideration of requesting Terrebonne Parish’s Legislative Delegation to amend Louisiana Revised Statute R. S. 33:1704.1 in order to increase the cost associated with serving court summons to defendants. He stated that the current summons fee is $10.00 per summons served and .16 cents per mile for delivery. Marshal LeBlanc requested that the fee for summons be increased to $25.00 per summons and that the
State’s mileage rate be adopted. In response to additional questioning, he explained that the plaintiff pays the court costs and that the general taxpayers would not be charged the increased fee.

OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED BY: Mr. J. Cehan.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-101

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TERREBONNE PARISH STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO AMEND THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES, SECTION 33:1704.1; MUNICIPALITIES AND PARISHES, CHAPTER 3 PUBLIC OFFICERS, PART IV CONSTABLES; SUBPART A. GENERAL PROVISIONS; FOR FEES AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MARSHAL OF THE CITY OF HOUMA.

WHEREAS, City Marshal Brian LeBlanc is requesting the State Legislative Delegation to assist Terrebonne Parish with updating their fees associated with their office operations, which will current resources for their cost of operations, and

WHEREAS, a comparison with other jurisdictions reflects the City of Houma is currently less than some of the other Parishes, and

WHEREAS, the Parish General Fund supplements the City Marshal for the operations not covered by their current fee structure, estimated to be $524,256 in 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government seek the assistance with the Terrebonne Parish State Delegation in gaining legislative approval to increase the current fee structure for the operations of the City Marshal, by amending Louisiana Revised Statutes, Section 33:1704.1.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: T. Cavalier.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.

Upon additional discussion, Marshall LeBlanc stated that the aforementioned fee changes have been recommended as a result of researching fees of other municipalities which ranged from $20.00 to $30.00 per summons served; that approximately $100,000.00 would be generated for office operational costs; and added that the additional revenue received by the City Marshal’s Office could help in offsetting the Parish’s Government’s reimbursement costs to the City Marshal’s Office.

The Chairman noted that the current IRS mileage reimbursement rate is 58 cents per mile.

Chief Finance Officer Jamie Elferst stated that the backup information was obtained from current Louisiana Revised Statutes. She further explained that the discrepancy in the information presented by the City Marshal and the backup information may be attributed to maximum rate provided by law and the actual rate charged by a municipality.

Marshal LeBlanc interjected that he is requesting an increase in the fees associated with serving summons from $10.00 to $25.00 in order to be consistent with other municipalities and noted that the fees are based upon the area of coverage for each office.

Ms. T. Cavalier moved, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee retain the matter relative to increasing the fees and costs associated with the City of Houma Marshal’s Office in
In response to additional questioning, Marshall LeBlanc stated that the last increase in fees for the City Marshal’s Office was authorized in 1998. He continued that the additional revenue would be used to purchase additional vehicles and equipment.

Council Clerk Paul Labat stated that the aforementioned resolution simply requests Terrebonne Parish’s Legislative Delegation to authorize the statute change; noted that it would be quite some time before the City Marshal’s Office could implement the fee change; and added that the Council may reconsider the matter at a later date even if the aforementioned resolution is adopted.

Mr. K. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to declare 45.5 percent of adjudicated property Lot ‘C’ & Irregular S/2 of Lot ‘B’ Cypress Village, Re-subdivision of Lots 1, 2, 3, & 4, located in Sections 6 & 7, T16S, R14E. Also Batture in front. CB 1873/647 (Deadwood Road) as surplus and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R. S. 33:2861, et seq. and call a public hearing on said matter on March 25, 2009 at 6:30 p. m.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSENT:  A. Williams.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. J. Pizzolatto.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. C. Voisin.
RESOLUTION NO. 09-102

WHEREAS, prices were obtained through the Louisiana State Commodity Catalog by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the purpose of purchasing ten (10) new/unused Large Size, 4 Door, Rear Wheel Drive, Police Patrol Sedans (Ford Crown Victoria) for the Houma Police Department under State Contract #407708, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by the Parish Administration it has been determined that the total price of Two Hundred Twenty Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty Dollars ($226,780.00) from Terrebonne Ford for the purchase of ten (10) new/unused Large Size, 4 Door, Rear Wheel Drive, Police Patrol Sedans (Ford Crown Victoria) should be accepted as per the State Contract Vehicle Catalog and the under provisions set forth in the Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 39:1710, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are budgeted and available in the 2009 Account Number 204-211-8914-01 for the purchase of the aforementioned vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the aforementioned vehicle purchase at a total cost of Two Hundred Twenty Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty Dollars ($226,780.00) as per the attached State Purchasing Contract Catalog.

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.

OFFERED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.
SECONDED BY: Mr. J. Cehan and Mr. P. Lambert.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-103

WHEREAS, prices were obtained through the Louisiana State Commodity Catalog by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the purpose of purchasing three (3) new/unused One Half (1/2) Ton, Regular Cab, Two (2) Wheel Drive Pick-up Truck (2009 Ford F-150) for Good Earth Transit under State Contract #407710, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by John Daigle, Fleet Maintenance Superintendent, Wendell Voisin, Transit Administrator and Gregory Bush, Public Works Director, it has been determined that the total price of Forty-six Thousand, Five Hundred Forty-eight Dollars ($46,548.00) from Terrebonne Motor Company for the purchase of three (3) new/unused One Half (1/2) Ton, Regular Cab, Two (2) Wheel Drive Pick-up Truck (2009 Ford F-150) should be accepted as per the State Contract Vehicle Catalog and under provisions set forth in the Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 39:1710, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are budgeted and available in the 2009 Account Number 237-690-8914-01 for the purchase of the aforementioned vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the aforementioned vehicle purchases at a total cost of Forty-six Thousand, Five Hundred Forty-eight Dollars ($46,548.00) as per the attached State Purchasing Contract Catalog.

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.

Public Works Director Lt. Col. (Ret.) Greg Bush stated that the aforementioned vehicle purchases include the purchase of two (2) replacement vehicles for the Transit Field Supervisor and the Maintenance Supervisor and one (1) new vehicle for the Administrative Assistant who will be responsible for the transit system advertising functions.

OFFERED BY: Mr. J. Pizzolatto.
SECONDED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-104

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2008 bids were received by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for Bid No. 08-1/9-22 (Re-bid) Surplus Sale of Property at 7887 / 7889 Main Street (Old City Court Building), and
WHEREAS, on August 13, 2008 the Terrebonne Parish Council accepted the bid of Castalano Properties, LLC to purchase the above property, and

WHEREAS, the bid accepted from Castalano Properties, LLC was disqualified due to failure to execute a “Bill of Sale” with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2009 bids were received by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for Bid No. 08-1/9-22 (Re-bid) Surplus Sale of Property at 7887 / 7889 Main Street (Old City Court Building), and

WHEREAS, after careful review by Parish Administration it has been determined that the highest bid received was that of Rico 6, LLC in the amount of Four Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($425,000.00) and that the bid should be accepted as per attached bid forms, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the aforementioned bid for Bid No. 08-1/9-22 (Re-bid) Surplus Sale of 7887 / 7889 Main Street (Old City Court Building) in the amount of Four Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($425,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish Administration is approved and the bid of Rico 6, LLC is accepted.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.

committee Member K. Voisin presented a slide with respect to the “possible” organizational structure for the Animal Shelter, inclusive of reorganizing of the department, creating of a non-profit organization (Friends of the Animal Shelter), reviewing existing codes and provisions for animals, and implementing proactive animal programs.

Animal Shelter Manager Valarie Robinson expressed her support of the organizational structure as presented by Committee Member K. Voisin; noted positive feedback from the community with respect to the Parish’s Animal Shelter; added that there is some concern with respect to donations to the shelter (how the funds will be used), and stated that there is a need for an adequate sized shelter in Terrebonne Parish.

Interim Parish Manager Patrick Gordon explained that there are misdemeanor penalties for violations of the Parish animal regulations and that he would provide the District Attorney’s Office with the information. (NO ACTION TAKEN).

Mr. J. Cehan moved, seconded by Mr. J. Pizzolatto, “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. J. Cehan.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSENT: A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Billy Hebert, Chairman
Mr. B. Hebert moved, seconded by Mr. J. Cehan and Mr. J. Pizzolatto, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on 3/5/09.”

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. B. Hebert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  None
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairwoman called for a report on the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting held on 3/5/09, whereupon the Committee Chairman rendered the following:

POLICY, PROCEDURE, & LEGAL COMMITTEE
MARCH 5, 2009

The Chairman, Clayton J. Voisin, called the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by J. Pizzolatto and the Pledge of Allegiance led by J. Cehan. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, J. Cehan, B. Hebert, P. Lambert, J. Pizzolatto, A. Tillman, C. Voisin, and K. Voisin. Committee Member A. Williams entered the proceedings at 6:25 p.m. A quorum was declared present.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. J. Pizzolatto.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. B. Hebert.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-105

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG) is authorized to provide Casualty Insurance coverage through its Department of Risk Management, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Administration and the Risk Management Department that the attached schedule of insurance premiums become accepted effective for the period beginning 4/1/2009.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Policy, Procedure, and Legal Committee) on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that the recommendation of Administration and the Risk Management Department is to accept insurance premiums including terrorism coverage based on the schedule effective for the policy period beginning 4/1/2009.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. B. Hebert.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. J. Cehan.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-106
WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG) is authorized to provide Boiler and Machinery Insurance coverage through its Department of Risk Management, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Administration and the Risk Management Department that the attached schedule of insurance premiums become accepted effective for the period beginning 4/1/2009.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Policy, Procedure, and Legal Committee) on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that the recommendation of Administration and the Risk Management Department is to accept insurance premiums based on the schedule effective for the policy period beginning 4/1/2009.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.

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American Cancer Society volunteer Jane Aitkens requested co-sponsorship of the upcoming annual “American Cancer Society Relay for Life” event to be held in the parking lot of the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center; noted that Terrebonne Parish’s relay for life event has been No. 1 in the State for the last couple of years; and that the event raised approximately $275,000.00 in 2008.

Mr. J. Cehan moved, seconded unanimously, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee authorize the co-sponsorship of the annual American Cancer Society ‘Relay for Life’ Event on April 25, 2009 at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Cehan.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSENT:  A. Williams.
NOT VOTING: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. J. Pizzolatto moved, seconded by Mr. J. Cehan, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee authorize the co-sponsorship of the bi-annual Southdown Market Place events on April 4, 2009 and November 7, 2009 by providing garbage cans and barricades.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Cehan.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSENT:  A. Williams.
NOT VOTING: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. K. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee concur with the request of the Terrebonne Port Commission and authorize the co-sponsorship of the America’s Wetlands Foundation’s May 31, 2009 event at the Downtown Marina by providing the following: 1) Waiver of insurance, 2) Barricades, 3) Security by the Houma Police Department; and 4) Trash containment and collection.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. K. Voisin.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
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NAYS:  None.
ABSENT:  A. Williams.
NOT VOTING:  None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. P. Lambert.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. A. Tillman.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-107

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE AND RIGHT OF USE BETWEEN TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NUMBER 7.

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 maintenance 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, Section 1-06 of the Terrebonne Parish Charter provides:

“The parish government shall have the right, power and authority to pass all ordinances requisite or necessary to promote, protect and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the parish, including, but not by way of limitation, the right, power and authority to pass ordinances on all subject matters necessary, requisite or proper for the management of parish affairs, and all other subject matter [sic] without exception, subject only to the limitation that the same shall not be inconsistent and with the constitution or expressly denied by general law applicable to the parish.”; and

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is authorized to provide for the safety and welfare of the citizens of Terrebonne Parish and in furtherance thereof has previously created the Fire Protection District Number 7; and

WHEREAS, TPCG and the Library Board of Control currently have no need for the former Chauvin Library and require assistance in the healthy and sanitary maintenance of this property; and

WHEREAS, DISTRICT agrees to maintain the property in exchange for the Right of Use of the property; and

WHEREAS, TPCG and DISTRICT believe that entering into this 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 (Policy, Procedure and Legal Committee), on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that the Parish President, Michel Claudet, is hereby authorized to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Fire Protection District Number 7 for maintenance and right of use of the property at 5612 Highway 56, Chauvin, LA.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.

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Mr. B. Hebert moved, seconded by Mr. J. Cehan, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee introduce an ordinance which will accept the Waters Consulting Group’s Compensation and Classification Plan for Parish Employees; that said study not be implemented until the price of oil increases to $90.00/barrel; and that said matter be reviewed/reconsidered by the Committee on August 10, 2009 and that a public hearing on said matter be called on March 25, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.” (**MOTION FAILS AFTER DISCUSSION)

In response to questioning, Committee Member B. Herbert explained that since the initial receipt of the Waters study, the price of oil has decreased; stated that there is some concern with respect to the stability of the economy; and suggested that the Committee refrain from enacting salary increases until such time as the economy shows some indication of recovery. He noted that he does not favor granting an increase at this time only to revoke it at a later date. Mr. Hebert further explained that the aforementioned action would “freeze” employee salaries until such time as the price of oil reaches $90.00/barrel.

Upon questioning, Chief Finance Officer Jamie Elfert stated that the last employee cost-of-living adjustment increase was adopted in 2008.

Council Clerk Paul Labat interjected that the Council previously called a public hearing with respect to considering a partial implementation of the Waters study on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 and that action would be necessary at that time should the aforementioned motion be adopted.

Lengthy discussion transpired with respect to employee salaries being below the minimum salaries proposed in the Waters Study; the state of the current economy; the potential for future employee layoffs should the economy continue in a downward spiral; the immanent loss of employees either as a result of employees being underpaid or as a result of economic misfortunes; and not adhering to the recommendation of the Waters Study after tax dollars have been expended for the commission of the study.

Committee Member A. Williams entered the proceedings during the aforementioned discussions.

**The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. B. Hebert.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: J. Cehan, B. Hebert, J. Pizzolatto, and C. Voisin.
ABSENT: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
The Chairman declared that the motion fails due to a tie vote.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. B. Hebert, “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. A. Tillman.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Clayton J. Voisin, Chairman
Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Mr. C. Voisin, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert and Mr. J. Pizzolatto, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting held on 3/5/09.”
The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. Voisin. 
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier 
NAYS: None 
ABSENT: None 
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairwoman called for a report on the Public Services Committee meeting held on 3/5/09, whereupon the Committee Chairman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls public hearings on 3/25/09, rendered the following:

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE
MARCH 5, 2009

The Chairman, Joey Cehan, called the Public Services Committee meeting to order at 6:54 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by K. Voisin and the Pledge of Allegiance led by A. Tillman. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, J. Cehan, B. Hebert, P. Lambert, J. Pizzolatto, A. Tillman, C. Voisin, K. Voisin, and A. Williams. A quorum was declared present.

The Chairman recognized Sugarland Subdivision Homeowners Association Vice President Jacob Rhodes who presented a petition from the residents of Sugar Highland Boulevard and Routhland Street requesting the installation of a “4-Way Stop” at said intersection, and noted that extensive pedestrian and vehicular traffic crosses the intersection to access Sugarland and Sugarland Estates Subdivisions.

Mr. K. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, “THAT, the Public Services Committee accept a petition from the residents of Sugar Highland Boulevard and Routhland Street requesting the installation of a ‘4-Way Stop’ at said intersection; introduce an ordinance to create a ‘4-Way Stop’ at the intersection of Sugar Highland Boulevard and Routhland Street; and call a public hearing on said matter on March 25, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. K. Voisin. 
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None. 
ABSENT: None. 
NOT VOTING: A. Williams. 
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Public Works Director Lt. Col. (Ret.) Greg Bush stated that the punch list items for the Bayou Cane Improvement Project (Forced Drainage 1-1A) have been completed.

OFFERED BY: Ms. T. Cavalier. 
SECONDED BY: Mr. B. Hebert. 

RESOLUTION NO. 09-108

A resolution providing for the acceptance of work performed by Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Parish Project No. 06-DRA-47, Flood Control Improvements Forced Drainage Project 1-1A (Statewide Flood Control), Bayou Cane Improvement, State Project No. 576-55-0015 (336); Phase 6 of SPN 576-55-0015, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana

WHEREAS, by contract dated August 8, 2008, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government did award a contract to Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. for Parish Project No. 06-DRA-47, Flood Control Improvements Forced Drainage Project 1-1A (Statewide Flood Control), Bayou
Cane Improvement, State Project No. 576-55-0015 (336); Phase 6 of SPN 576-55-0015, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, as will be seen by reference to said contract which is recorded under Entry No. 1303776 of the Records of Terrebonne Parish, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby accept the work performed in accordance with the contract and specifications in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion, effective as of the date of recording of this resolution, and does authorize and direct the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages of Terrebonne Parish to note this acceptance thereof in the margin of the inscription of said contract under Entry No. 1303776 of the Records of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

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

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
NOT VOTING:  A. Williams.
ABSENT:  None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.
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OFFERED BY:  Mr. K. Voisin.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. C. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-109
A resolution providing for the ratification of the appointment by Parish President Michel Claudet of the firm of Gulf South Engineers, Inc., to provide engineering services for the Replacement of the Summerfield Pump Station, and also authorizing Parish President Michel Claudet to execute the appropriate engineering contract documents for this project.

WHEREAS, the Summerfield Pump Station has reached the end its useful life and is in need of replacement, and

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish is desirous of replacing the Summerfield Pump Station, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government would like to proceed with the design and construction of this project, and

WHEREAS, Parish President Michel Claudet has recommended that the firm of Gulf South Engineers, Inc. be retained to provide the necessary professional services for this project, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Parish President Michel Claudet be ratified and that the engineering firm of Gulf South Engineers, Inc. be retained to provide the necessary professional services for the Replacement of the Summerfield Pump Station and that Parish President Michel Claudet be authorized to execute any and all documents with said firm for this project.
THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.

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OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-110

A resolution ratifying the appointment of the engineering firm of Duplantis Design Group to provide engineering services for the Ashland Jail Protection Levee Project; and authorizing execution of an engineering agreement for these services.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government wishes to provide a flood protection levee around the Ashland Jail within the limits of +10 feet NAVD 88 (EPOCH 06) to prevent future damage, and

WHEREAS, the engineering firm of Duplantis Design Group, has been selected through the Request for Qualifications process to provide the required services for the Ashland Jail Protection Levee Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby ratify the appointment of the engineering firm of Duplantis Design Group by Terrebonne Parish President Michel Claudet for professional engineering services for the Ashland Jail Protection Levee Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby authorize the execution of an engineering agreement with the engineering firm of Duplantis Design Group by Terrebonne Parish President Michel Claudet, for the Ashland Jail Protection Levee Project.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.

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OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.
SECONDED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-111

Project Agreement No. 68-7217-09-012
NRCS Emergency Watershed Program
U.S. Department of Agriculture

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Parish President, Michel Claudet, is hereby authorized to execute the Project Agreement No. 68-7217-09-012, between the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and the United States Department of Agriculture to
install emergency watershed protection measures to relieve hazards and damages created by Hurricane Gustav.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.
SECONDED BY: Mr. B. Hebert.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-112

A Resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 for the Construction Agreement for Parish Project No. 08-IKE-44, Hurricane Ike Levee Repair, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into a contract dated January 12, 2009, with Civil Construction Contractors, LLC, Recordation Number 1313419, for the Hurricane Ike Levee Repairs, Parish Project No. 08-IKE-44, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, this Change Order has been recommended so as to install a 60” gauge BCCMP culvert with sluice gate and backfill material at Porche Crossing as described on the attached Change Order No. 1 for the above referenced project, and

WHEREAS, this Change Order will add twelve (12) calendar days to the contract, and

WHEREAS, this Change Order is necessary in order to increase the overall contract price by $93,149.65, and

WHEREAS, this Change Order No. 1 has been recommended by the Engineer, GSE Associates, Inc., 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 and authorize the execution by Terrebonne Parish President Michel Claudet of Change Order No. 1 to the construction agreement with Civil Construction Contractors, LLC, to perform construction services for Hurricane Ike Levee Repair, Parish Project No. 08-IKE-44, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana for an increase in the amount of Ninety-Three Thousand, One Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Sixty-Five Cents ($93,149.65) to the contract amount and an increase in contract time by twelve (12) calendar days as described in Change Order No. 1, and

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.
Public Works Director Lt. Col. (Ret.) Greg Bush explained that the “Porche Crossing” was constructed when the Ward 7 levee was built, that it was heavily damaged as a result of Hurricane Ike, and that the aforementioned change order is being requested so that upon completion it may be submitted as an independent “PW” for FEMA reimbursement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09-113

A resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 2 for the Construction Agreement for Parish Project No. 03-DRA-15; State Project No. 576-55-0021, Concord Road Drainage Improvements Phase III, Flood Control Improvements, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into a contract dated May 13, 2008, with Low Land Construction Company, Inc., for Concord Road Drainage Improvements Phase III, Flood Control Improvements, Parish Project No. 03-DRA-15; State Project No. 576-55-0021, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, this change order provides for the addition of Contract Item X-3 thru X-10 as described in Change Order No. 2, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the contract price by $9,861.49 due to the addition of these items, and

WHEREAS, it is also necessary to increase the contract time by 83 days, and

WHEREAS, this Change Order No. 2 has been recommended by the Engineer for this project, GSE Associates, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby approve and authorize the execution by Terrebonne Parish President Michel Claudet of Change Order No. 2 to the construction agreement with Low Land Construction Company, Inc., for additional work for an increase of Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty One Dollars and Forty Nine Cents ($9,861.49) to the original contract amount and increases the contract time by an additional 83 days, and

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.

OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-114

A Resolution providing for the acceptance of work performed by LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC, in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Parish Project No. 08-IKE-38, Restore Aggregate Shoulders and Roadways, Affected Areas of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.
WHEREAS, by contract dated December 10, 2008, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government did award a contract to LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC for Parish Project No. 08-IKE-38 Restore Aggregate Shoulders and Roadways, Affected Areas of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, as will be seen by reference to said contract which is recorded under Entry No. 1311463 of the Records of Terrebonne Parish, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby accept the work performed in accordance with the contract and specifications in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion, effective as of the date of recording of this resolution, and does authorize and direct the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages of Terrebonne Parish to note this acceptance thereof in the margin of the inscription of said contract under Entry No. 1311463 of the Records of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

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

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.
SECONDED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-115
A Resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 (Balancing) for the Construction Agreement for Parish Project No. 08-ROAD-52, Category “C” Work, Roadway Shoulder Repair of Island Road, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into a contract dated December 4, 2008, with Phylway Construction, LLC, Recordation Number 1311177, for Parish Project 08-ROAD-52, Category “C” Work, Roadway Shoulder Repair of Island Road, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, this change order has been recommended so as to adjust estimated contract item quantities and to actual contract quantities installed as described on attached Change Order No. 1 (Balancing) for the above referenced project, and

WHEREAS, this change order is necessary in order to decrease the overall contract price by $1,306,034.59, and

WHEREAS, this Change Order No. 1 (Balancing) has been recommended by the Administration 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 and authorize the execution by Terrebonne Parish President Michel Claudet of Change Order No. 1 (Balancing) to the construction agreement with Phylway Construction, LLC.
Parish Project No. 08-ROAD-52, Category “C” Work, Roadway Shoulder Repair of Island Road, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana for a decrease in the amount of One Millon, Three Hundred Six Thousand, Thirty-four Dollars and Fifty-nine Cents (<$1,306,034.59>) to the contract amount as described on Change Order No. 1 (Balancing), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the resolution be forwarded to the TPCG Department of Public Works, Inc.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.
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OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.
SECONDED BY: Mr. J. Pizzolatto.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-116

A Resolution providing for the acceptance of work performed by Phylway Construction, L.L.C., in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Parish Project No. 08-ROAD-52, Category “C” Work, Roadway Shoulder Repairs of Island Road, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, by contract dated December 4, 2008, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government did award a contract to Phylway Construction, L.L.C., for Parish Project No., 08-ROAD-52, Category “C” Work, Roadway Shoulder Repairs of Island Road, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, as will be seen by reference to said contract which is recorded under Entry No. 1311177 of the Records of Terrebonne Parish, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby accept the work performed in accordance with the contract and specifications in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion, effective as of the date of recording of this resolution, and does authorize and direct the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages of Terrebonne Parish to note this acceptance thereof in the margin of the inscription of said contract under Entry No. 1311177 of the Records of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

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

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

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.
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REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 11, 2009

OFFERED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-117

A resolution authorizing the issuance of a Letter of No Objection to Milagro Exploration, LLC for the placement of a board road on top of the levee within 6-1A Forced Drainage System collection canal servitude and levee.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council enacted Ordinance #7307 to regulate the usage of parish operated drainage collection canals, and levees, to prevent the placement of obstructions to drainage and to prevent wear, tear and abuse of the levee system,

WHEREAS, Milagro Exploration, LLC has requested permission to place 4 feet of fill and lay a 16 foot wide board road at the location of the extension of Carey Street with within the 6-1A Forced Drainage System collection canal servitude, and over the 6-1A Levee, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has reviewed the proposal and has determined that placement of this board road will not adversely affect the operation and maintenance, or structural integrity of the drainage and levee system.

WHEREAS, this application will be contingent upon Milagro meeting the insurance requirements of the Terrebonne Parish Government.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby authorize the issuance of a Letter of No Objection to Milagro Exploration, LLC for the placement of a board road on top of the levee within 6-1A Forced Drainage System collection canal servitude and levee.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.

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Public Works Director Lt. Col. (Ret.) Greg Bush explained that there will be four inspections throughout the project: the first and second inspections will transpire prior to and after construction on the levee; an inspection will transpire after the project is completed; and the project is inspected at the time grass cutting is completed. He said that a roadway inspection will also be conducted, and that a highway permit must be obtained to access Parish roads. He continued that the Parish requires separate construction bonds for the roads and the levee so, should repairs be necessary, the bond money can be used to make repairs.

OFFERED BY: Ms. T. Cavalier.
SECONDED BY: Mr. K. Voisin.

STATE PROJECT NO 576-55-0024(331)
PARISH OF TERREBONNE

RESOLUTION NO. 09-118

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has submitted an application for funding of the Bayou Terrebonne, Phase 1, a flood control project under the Statewide Flood Control Program; and
WHEREAS, no funds have been made available by the State for the construction of the project and Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has available local funds in an amount not less than one hundred (100%) percent to insure construction of this project; and

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government desires to be reimbursed for a portion of the cost of the project in accordance with Act 255 of the 1990 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature subject to the limitations and provisions of LRS 38:90.1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, at the request of this Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, Shaw Coastal, Inc., has prepared plans and specifications for said project, which plans and specifications are designated by State Project No. 576-55-0024(331); and

WHEREAS, this Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has reviewed the final plans, specifications and cost estimate and has submitted them to the Department of Transportation and Development. The Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government will accept the final plans and specifications contingent on the Department of Transportation and Development’s final approval of them inasmuch as they comply with the requirements of the Statewide Flood Control Program; and

WHEREAS, all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, spoil disposal areas, rights of ingress and egress and the means thereof have been acquired by this Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, and the titles thereto are valid and indefeasible; and

WHEREAS, this Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has obtained all necessary permits required for the construction of this project; and

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has agreed to accomplish all necessary utilities, fence and other facilities relocations and alterations made necessary by this project; and

WHEREAS, the Official Journal for the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is HOUMA COURIER, whose mailing address is 3030 Barrow Street Extension, Houma, LA 70360, and whose telephone number is 985-857-2222; and

WHEREAS, this Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government desires to advertise for competitive bids, in accordance with LRS 38:2212, et seq., for the award of a contract in the name of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, covering the aforesaid improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, in regular session assembled on this 11th day of March, 2009, that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is requested to authorize the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government to advertise for competitive bids in accordance with LRS 38:2212, et seq., for the award of a contract in the name of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, covering the aforesaid improvements.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and the means thereof have been obtained by Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, and the titles thereto are valid and indefeasible and Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government expressly agrees to defend any action for the failure of any servitude, right-of-way, right of ingress or egress, and Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government does hereby assume complete responsibility for providing engineering services during construction and the maintenance and upkeep of the project after construction.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is assured that all required permits have been obtained by Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.
BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is assured that Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has available its local funds in an amount not less than one hundred (100%) percent of the total project cost to insure construction of this project.

BE IT RESOLVED that Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government will and hereby does assume complete responsibility for all utilities, fence, and other facilities relocations and alterations made necessary by this project.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government does hereby save and hold harmless the Department of Transportation and Development against any loss or damage of any kind incident to or occasioned by Activities undertaken in pursuance of this agreement and expressly agrees to defend any suit brought against the Department of Transportation & Development, and pay any judgment which may result from said suit as it relates to this project.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.
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OFFERED BY: Mr. J. Pizzolatto.
SECONDED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-119

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish President to appoint Gulf South Engineers, Inc., to perform professional engineering services for the Village East Sewer Lift Station Renovations, under Parish Project No. 09-SEW-08, is hereby ratified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President is authorized to execute a professional services agreement with said firm.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.
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OFFERED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.
SECONDED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-120

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish President to appoint Milford & Associates, Inc., to perform professional engineering services for the East Street Sewer Lift Station Force Main Relocation, under Parish Project No. 09-SEW-07, is hereby ratified; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President is authorized to execute a professional services agreement with said firm.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
ABSENT: C. Voisin.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.
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In response to questioning, Public Works Director Lt. Col. (Ret.) Greg Bush stated that the aforementioned relocation project is attributed to an “age depreciation” problem.

OFFERED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.
SECONDED BY: Mr. B. Hebert.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-121

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish President to appoint T. Baker Smith, Inc., to perform professional engineering services for the Renovations of Winn Dixie and Routier Sewer Lift Stations, under Parish Project No. 09-SEW-09, is hereby ratified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President is authorized to execute a professional services agreement with said firm.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
ABSENT: C. Voisin.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.
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Committee Member P. Lambert noted that the Country Drive Widening Project has been broken into separate projects due to there being different sewerage problems along the northern and southern portions of the roadway.

Public Works Director Lt. Col. (Ret.) Greg Bush noted that the turn lane on Country Drive has been completed; that the St. Anne Bridge Project has been removed and placed into a separate project; that the projects have been separated in order to be economically feasible; that Phase A of the project would extend from Jeff Drive to Presque Isle Drive; and that Phase B extends from LA Highway 24 to Jeff Drive.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.
SECONDED BY: Mr. B. Hebert and Mr. K. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-122

Supplemental Agreement No. 1
State Project Nos. 700-55-0102 & 742-55-0102
F.A.P. Nos. STP –3005 (001)M & STP-3005 (002)M
Country Drive Widening
(Phase A) (Jefferson Dr. to Presque Isle Dr.)
(Phase B) LA 24-Jefferson Drive
Terrebonne Parish
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Parish President, Michel Claudet, is hereby authorized to execute the Supplemental Agreement No. 1, between the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the Country Drive Widening Project.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.
SECONDED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-123

WHEREAS, the D-3 Drainage Pump Station is a very vital part of the overall forced drainage system to numerous residents in the upper Montegut community, and

WHEREAS, the pump station is currently in need of major renovations and, in order to provide the residents and property owners with adequate flood protection, the station must be completely operable prior to the beginning of the 2009 Hurricane Season,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Parish Administration be requested to prepare a thorough plan of action for the pump station to be fully operable prior to the beginning of the 2009 Hurricane Season and that if necessary, the Parish President be requested to declare the repairs to this pumping station a State of Emergency in order that the residents of the upper Montegut community may be protected from potential flood waters.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.

Committee Member P. Lambert requested that Administration investigate the possibility of establishing a “No Parking Zone” across from the driveway at 5515 Bayouside Drive in Chauvin.

Interim Parish Manager Patrick Gordon stated that Administration would present a report on the matter no later than the public hearing to consider the establishment of the “No Parking Zone”.

Mr. P. Lambert moved, seconded by Mr. B. Hebert, “THAT, the Public Services Committee introduce an ordinance to establish a ‘No Parking Zone’ directly across from the driveway at 5515 Bayouside Drive in Chauvin, and call a public hearing on said matter on March 25, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Lambert.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Interim Parish Manager Patrick Gordon stated that the Legal Department has been working on an intergovernmental agreement that would provide for the dedication of Port Court, although the roadway would not be accepted by the Parish Government for maintenance.

Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock explained that the Terrebonne Port Commission requested that Port Court be dedicated so that law enforcement traffic patrols may be conducted on said roadway; noted that a plat could be filed identifying the dedication of said roadway; and added that the Parish would not be responsible for maintenance of the roadway. In response to questioning, Ms. Alcock stated that the Legal Department is awaiting a response from the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff’s Office regarding traffic patrols along said roadway. She noted that Point Farm Road has a similar type of agreement.

Committee Member C. Voisin requested that the Legal Department keep him informed of the status of the roadway dedication. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Mr. K. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. J. Pizzolatto, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Public Services Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Joey Cehan, Chairman

Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Mr. J. Cehan moved, seconded by Mr. B. Hebert, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 3/5/09.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairwoman called for a report on the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 3/5/09, whereupon the Committee Chairman, rendered the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE
MARCH 5, 2009

The Chairman, A. Tillman, called the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by A. Williams and the Pledge of Allegiance led by P. Lambert. Upon roll call,
Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, J. Cehan, B. Hebert, P. Lambert, J. Pizzolatto, A. Tillman, C. Voisin, K. Voisin, and A. Williams. A quorum was declared present.

OFFERED BY: Mr. J. Cehan.
SECONDED BY: Mr. K. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-124

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE WITH PROVIDENCE ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish is one of the most dynamic metropolitan areas in terms of growth; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (PARISH) wishes to appropriately plan for changes coming to our community; and

WHEREAS, the Parish’s Comprehensive Plan has not been updated since the devastating storms of 2005 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Providence Engineering and Environmental Group, LLC., PROVIDENCE was selected through an advertised competitive process as the best firm to prepare an update to the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, PROVIDENCE represents that it has the professional and requisite experience, equipment, skills and personnel to provide such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that the Parish President, Michel Claudet, is hereby authorized to execute a contract for the Comprehensive Plan Update with PROVIDENCE containing substantially the same terms as those set out in the document titled “Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Comprehensive Plan Update; General Conditions for Professional and Contractual Services (Agreement)”.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: A. Williams.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2009.

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Interim Parish Manager Patrick Gordon explained that there are three (3) parts in the contract of which Parts 1 (Data accumulation - $37,000.00) & 2 (Public Involvement - $30,000.00) would be executed first; Part 1 is for the accumulation of data; that in 2004, the Council approved the comprehensive plan with the stipulation that the plan be updated every 5 years; that the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission has agreed to pay for Parts 1 & 2 of the plan through the execution of an agreement with Administration; that Administration would seek funding for Part 3 in 2010; and that the updated plan would probably be presented in 2011. Mr. Gordon noted a migration trend toward the northern section of the Parish and added that the plan should be re-evaluated to take such under consideration.

Terrebonne Economic Development Authority Chief Executive Officer Michael Ferdinand presented the annual report of the Terrebonne Economic Development Authority’s mission statement, goals, and objectives noting the following: Houma is projected to be fastest growing metropolitan statistical area in 2008; that Terrebonne Parish’s unemployment rate for
the past three years has been the lowest or nearly the lowest in the State ranging from a 2.2 to 2.6 percent unemployment rate; that Terrebonne Parish’s growth rate is attributed to international factors of productivity; and that investors for the Civic Center Hotel are in town to seek local financing for the development. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Mr. J. Pizzolatto moved, seconded by Mr. B. Hebert, “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. J. Pizzolatto.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSENT:  None.
NOT VOTING:  A. Williams.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Alvin Tillman, Chairman
Suzette Thomas Minute Clerk

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. J. Cehan, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 3/5/09.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  None

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council approve attendance at the following meeting as per the current Council Travel Policy:

A) Chamber of Commerce’s annual trip to Washington, D.C. to confer with federal officials.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  None

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. T. Cavalier moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council keep nominations open another two weeks for the expired term of Mr. Robert LeBouef on the Bayou Blue Fire Protection District Board.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  None

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. K. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Council reappoint Mr. Thomas Thibodaux, Jr., Mrs. Tina Thibodaux and Mr. Chris Authement to another term on the Fire Protection District No. 8 Board.”
The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. K. Voisin.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  None

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. J. Pizzolatto moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin and Mr. B. Hebert, “THAT, the Council appoint Mr. Daniel D. Henry to the Hospital Service District No. 1 Board, civic organization representative, to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Jerri Smitko, who resigned.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert
NAYS:  T. Cavalier
ABSENT:  None

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. J. Cehan moved, seconded by Mr. K. Voisin and Mr. B. Hebert, “THAT, the Council accept the six nominations submitted by Friends of the South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center Foundation of Ms. Martha Thibodeaux, Ms. Dawn Johnson, Ms. Angela Corbin, Ms. Brenda Babin, Mr. Gilbert Talbot, and Mr. Thaddeus “Mike” Pellegrin, that nominations be closed, and a voice vote of the Council be taken to determine which three of the six will be appointed to the South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center Commission.”

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  None

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairwoman called for a voice vote of the Council, whereupon the following was recorded:

MARTHA THIBODAUX
T. Cavalier

DAWN JOHNSON
A. Tillman
A. Williams

ANGELA CORBIN
K. Voisin
J. Cehan
A. Tillman
B. Hebert
T. Cavalier

BRENTA BABIN
J. Pizzolatto
K. Voisin
C. Voisin
J. Cehan
A. Tillman
A. Williams
B. Hebert
T. Cavalier

GILBERT TALBOT
J. Pizzolatto
C. Voisin
P. Lambert

THADDEUS “MIKE” PELLEGRIN
J. Pizzolatto
K. Voisin
C. Voisin
The Chairwoman stated as per the aforementioned results, Ms. Angela Corbin, Ms. Brenda Babin, and Mr. Thaddeus “Mike” Pellegrin are appointed to the South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center Commission.

Ms. T. Cavalier moved, seconded by Mr. K. Voisin, “THAT, the Council appoint Mr. Corey Messina to the vacant seat on the Terrebonne Parish Tree Board.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  None

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Public Works Director G. Bush gave a status report on clearing drainage arteries throughout the parish.

Parish President M. Claudet explained why there are some delays on some of the drainage laterals and the maintenance of some of them will be reimbursable.

Councilman A. Tillman requested that the debris taken out of the ditches on Glynn Ave. and in Dularge between Gulf Access Road and Williams St. be picked up from off the sides of the roadways.

Upon questioning by Councilman J. Pizzolatto, Public Works Director G. Bush stated that all the drainage laterals in the Parish would be cleaned out. Upon further questioning by Councilman B. Hebert, he stated that catch basins are being cleaned throughout the Parish. He stated that a report is being compiled by the contractor regarding catch basins by districts and will be presented to the Council.

Councilman A. Tillman requested that once the drainage laterals are cleaned throughout the Parish they be maintained on a regular basis.

Mr. J. Cehan moved, seconded by Mr. B. Hebert, “THAT, the Council allow an add-on to tonight’s agenda to address the matter of opposing the Federal FY 2010 Budget as it relates to the elimination of $30 billion of incentives from the Oil and Gas Industry to fund alternative energy project.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  None

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairwoman called for comments from the public on the aforementioned add-on, there were none.

Mr. J. Cehan moved, seconded by Mr. K. Voisin, “THAT, the Council close the call for public comments on the aforementioned add-on.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
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YEAS:  J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  None

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. J. Cehan.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. C. Voisin.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-125

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE FEDERAL FY 2010 BUDGET AS IT RELATES TO THE ELIMINATION OF 30 BILLION DOLLARS FROM THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY TO FUND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROJECTS AND TO SEND THIS OPPOSITION RESOLUTION TO THE LOUISIANA POLICE JURY ASSOCIATION, ALL LOCAL AND PARISH GOVERNMENTS, AND THE LOCAL FEDERAL AND STATE DELEGATION.

WHEREAS, the FY2010 budget proposes to eliminate tax incentives that have been in place for the oil and gas industry that allows them research and development (exploration and production) dollars; and,

WHEREAS, elimination of these dollars will increase gas prices and cause the loss of 5.929 million American jobs, some directly employed in the United States Oil and Gas Industry and other indirect jobs created by the oil and gas industry; and,

WHEREAS, the abrupt and dramatic removal of tax incentives currently available to oil and gas exploration and production will result in a significant reduction in domestic energy production; and,

WHEREAS, this will result in increased reliance on foreign oil and gas until alternative domestic energy can fill the void, and this drastic decline in domestic production will have an overall adverse impact on domestic energy production; and,

WHEREAS, this Council urges the federal government administration to retain some of the tax break incentives that have been in place for oil and gas producers, but are to be eliminated in the 2010 budget; and,

WHEREAS, the administration’s proposed budget for 2010 would strip essential capital from new American natural gas and oil investment by radically raising taxes through the elimination of tax exemptions on American production; the FY 2010 budget provides for a nearly $30 billion dollar tax increase on the nation’s oil and gas producers, and proposes to use this money to help fund alternative energy projects; the FY 2010 budget includes the most devastating tax proposals in the history of America’s oil and natural gas industry; and,

WHEREAS, natural gas and oil provide 65% of America’s energy; new wind energy and solar energy require new natural gas turbines to run when the wind doesn’t blow and the sun doesn’t shine; American natural gas is essential to meeting any clean energy agenda associated with global climate; American natural gas and oil are essential to any energy security plan; and,

WHEREAS, oil and gas companies invest a total of 174 billion dollars back into American industry, which represents 97% of the companies’ net income, and invest it in emerging technologies; and,

WHEREAS, the fiscal, urban, and rural impact will result in trillions of dollars being lost, millions of jobs lost, our nation’s energy security severely threatened, and American citizens incurring extremely high gas prices, higher energy bills, increased taxes for those who don’t drive energy efficient cars, and other new taxes during a recessed economy; and,
WHEREAS, this will affect IRA accounts, individual investors, pension funds, mutual funds and other asset management companies and other institutional investors along with the oil and gas industry; and,

WHEREAS, other energy consumption industries that are affected by this budget are petroleum, coal, and nuclear; and,

WHEREAS, due to the above mentioned reasons this Council supports this resolution in opposition to the federal FY 2010 budget for the Department of Energy, as it relates to the elimination of 30 billion dollars from the oil and gas industry to fund alternative energy sources and will send this opposition resolution to the Police Jury Association of Louisiana to be submitted as a resolution for adoption at the Police Jury Association Convention, to the local state and federal delegations, and to other entities that may be of assistance in this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby oppose the federal FY 2010 budget that eliminates 30 billion dollars from the oil and gas industry; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council requests that the Police Jury Association of Louisiana approve a resolution on this matter at the Police Jury Association Convention this month; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be processed immediately and forwarded to President Barack Obama, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, the Parish’s State and Federal Delegations, the media, and the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, so they will be made aware of our position and also take action on this matter.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  None.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 11th day of March, 2009.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. J. Cehan.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-126

WHEREAS, the 2008 Hurricane Season, especially during and after Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, were a trying time for all of the residents of Terrebonne Parish, and

WHEREAS, the horrific events during that time of year forced individuals, organizations and government agencies to work together to help bring about a sense of normalcy for as many people as possible in as short a time as possible, and

WHEREAS, because of the extensive flooding and wind damages to hundreds of homes in the parish, many thousands of residents were unable to return to their homes in a timely fashion, and

WHEREAS, many of the recreation and community organizations in the parish saw the need of many of their neighbors and friends and immediately decided to utilize the recreation centers and community facilities to house displaced families and repair workers, and

WHEREAS, this extreme act of kindness allowed many people, whose homes were damaged, to remain close to their property to make the necessary repairs in order to regain their normal way of life, and
WHEREAS, each and every member of the boards and staff of these recreation and community centers should be commended for allowing their facilities to be used to aid those people most affected by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of Parish President Michel H. Claudet and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that all recreation and community centers in the parish who allowed evacuees and workers who were on board to help restore the destructive forces of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike be commended for their extraordinary acts of kindness in helping their neighbors.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  None.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 11th day of March, 2009.

Councilman K. Voisin stated that agenda item 6C1 (introduction of an ordinance to accept the Water’s Consulting Group’s Compensation and Classification Plan) was being pulled because the matter was addressed earlier in the proceedings.

Chairwoman A. Williams announced the Louisiana Recovery Resource Fair to be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center.

Councilman J. Cehan announced the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District along with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government will hold an informative public forum for the Ward 7 Flood Protection Projects on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ward 7 Citizens Club at 5006 Highway 56 in Chauvin.

Councilman J. Pizzolatto requested the Parish President to consider sending Administrative Staff to some of the national meetings held that would be beneficial to the staff and parish.

Councilman K. Voisin expressed how beneficial he felt the recent trip to Washington, D.C. was and will post his notes and synopsis to his website for the public to view. He announced that the Dularge Library reopening would be on March 21, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Chairwoman A. Williams relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman J. Pizzolatto.

Councilman J. Cehan announced the Bayou LaCarpe Bridge is back in service.

Councilwoman A. Williams gave a brief report on the following matters that were addressed at the recent NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C.:
- American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (Economic Stimulus package)
- Coastal Projects
- Networking

Chairwoman A. Williams resumed the Chair.

Parish President M. Claudet stated he would appoint Mrs. Jamie Elfert as the staff person to be the contact person for all information, deadlines, forms, contact people, etc. for the Economic Stimulus package. He stressed the need for an accurate count for the upcoming Census. He announced the Cleanest City Contest on March 31, 2009.

Councilman J. Pizzolatto requested the Council Clerk to place the matter of considering sending Parish Department Heads to state and national committees on the next Budget and Finance Committee.
No action was necessary on agenda item 8A – Information List.

Mr. J. Cehan moved, seconded by Mr. K. Voisin, “THAT, the Council allow an add-on to tonight’s agenda to address an emergency situation to establish additional alternative interconnects with Gulf South Pipeline for natural gas supply.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS:  J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairwoman called for comments from the public on the aforementioned add-on, there were none.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. B. Hebert, “THAT, the Council close the call for public comments on the aforementioned add-on.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS:  J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairwoman recognized Mr. Tom Bourg, Utilities Director, who explained the situation with the recent Notice from Crosstex LIG of the reduction of pipeline pressure.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. J. Cehan.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-127

A resolution declaring the Pipeline Pressure [reduction] Notice of Crosstex LIG an emergency and authorizing the Department of Utilities to undertake the necessary action to establish additional alternative interconnects with Gulf South Pipeline.

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Utilities Department has been notified by the primary natural gas supplier of the urban system, Crosstex Gulf Coast, that its affiliate pipeline operator, Crosstex LIG, will reduce pressure on that part of their system servicing TPCG from 500 psig to 75 psig, effective May 1, 2009, and

WHEREAS, this reduction in supply pressure will drastically reduce the deliverable gas volumes and render the supply grossly inadequate to meet system requirements, and

WHEREAS, facilities of Gulf South Pipeline appear to be adequate in capacity and location supply system requirements of the urban system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Utilities Department be, and they are hereby, authorized to undertake necessary steps to establish additional interconnects between Gulf South Pipeline and the TPCG urban system; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President and all other appropriate parties be, and they are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents associated therewith, including amendments to the existing pipeline service agreement with Gulf South Pipeline and Atmos Energy, TPCG’s designated supplier on the Gulf South Pipeline system.
THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 11th day of March, 2009.

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Parish President M. Claudet gave a status report on the following matters:

- FEMA’s report on Terrebonne Parish housing assistance as a result of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike
- The Transit System’s expansion of weekend service to begin this spring
- Terrebonne Parish being allocated $5,760,000 for roads through the MPO and should be put into action in the near future

Mr. A. Tillman, seconded by Mr. J. Cehan and Mr. K. Voisin, “THAT, the Council accept the following Monthly Engineering Reports:

A) Milford and Associates, Inc.
B) GSE Associates, Inc.
C) T. Baker Smith, Inc."

Upon questioning by Councilman J. Pizzolatto, Mr. Phil Schexnayder, GSE, Inc. explained that the reason for the delay 1-1B Intracoastal Canal Levee project is due to obtaining the geotech information. He said now that the soils report has been completed the project should commence in the near future.

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. J. Cehan, “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. A. Tillman.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, B. Hebert and T. Cavalier
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

VENITA H. CHAUVIN, MINUTE CLERK

ATTEST:

/S/ARLANDA J. WILLIAMS
ARLANDA J. WILLIAMS, CHAIRWOMAN
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL

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