The Chairwoman, Ms. A. Williams, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room. Following the Invocation, led by Councilwoman T. Cavalier, Councilman K. Voisin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. K. Voisin, “THAT, the Council approve the minutes of the Regular Council Session held on 10/28/09”.

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, and B. Hebert,

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

RESOLUTION: Commending members of the Louisiana Honor Air for assisting World War II Veterans to Washington, D.C.

Mr. P. Lambert moved, seconded Unanimously.

The resolution was adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09-610

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Honor Air is a chapter of the National Honor Flight Program with the sole mission of honoring veterans of World War II by allowing them to visit the WW II monuments in Washington, DC, and

WHEREAS, in honor of the brave and valiant contributions of all WW II veterans, the program arranges the flight schedules, ground transportation, meals and tours of the appropriate federal monuments dedicated to the heroes of World War II, and

WHEREAS, since its inception just three years ago, the Louisiana Honor Air Program, through the dedication of a group of only eight Honor Air Staff volunteers and the generosity of numerous individuals, clubs and businesses, has afforded over 2,100 Louisiana World War II veterans the opportunity to experience the thanks and gratitude that the citizens of this great country have bestowed upon them, and

WHEREAS, due to this wonderful program, an estimated seventy-five residents of Terrebonne Parish, who served in the armed services during World War II, have been able to travel to our nation’s capitol at no cost to themselves, and

WHEREAS, members of the Terrebonne Parish Council and the Parish President are
keenly aware of this fine program and, as such, were able to accompany some of the veterans from Terrebonne Parish on some of the over 100 flights to our nation’s capitol.

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 volunteers and sponsors of the LOUISIANA HONOR AIR PROGRAM be hereby commended for their extraordinary contributions by affording the surviving veterans of World War II to pay tribute to their fallen comrades and to experience first-hand the appreciation bestowed upon them by a very grateful nation.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 18th day of November, 2009.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09-611

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Honor Air is a chapter of the National Honor Flight Program with the sole mission of honoring veterans of World War II by allowing them to view the WW II monuments in Washington, DC, and

WHEREAS, in honor of the brave and valiant contributions of all WW II veterans, the program arranges the flight schedules, ground transportation, meals and tours of the appropriate federal monuments dedicated to the heroes of World War II, and

WHEREAS, since its inception just three years ago, the Louisiana Honor Air Program, through the dedication of a group of only eight Honor Air Staff volunteers and the generosity of numerous individuals, clubs and businesses, has afforded over 2,100 Louisiana World War II veterans, including about 75 from Terrebonne Parish, the opportunity to experience the thanks and gratitude that the citizens of this great country have bestowed upon them, and

WHEREAS, during many of these flights to Washington, veterans were greeted Sgt. Benton Thames and Ms. Brittany Creel who volunteered their services and their knowledge of the city to assist the senior veterans with getting off of buses, being directed to the proper locations and lending a supporting shoulder for those who became overcome with emotions, and

WHEREAS, these fine two young people deserve praise for not only helping the World War II veterans visiting our nation’s capitol, but for preserving a legacy of brave American men and women for all generations.

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

Sgt. Benton Thames and Miss Brittany Creel be hereby commended for their wonderful act of volunteerism by assisting the surviving veterans of World War II as they pay tribute to their fallen comrades and experience first-hand the appreciation bestowed upon them by a very grateful nation.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 18th day of November, 2009.

The Chairwoman recognized Mr. Henry Mouton, Louisiana Honor Air volunteer, who stated that out of the thirty-three states involved in the Honor Air Program, Louisiana was the third state to get involved and has flown almost double the amount of flights of any other state. He commended U.S. Air for charging about half the charter fee to fly these veterans. He expressed sincere appreciation to the World War II Veterans for their service to the United States and stressed what a wonderful way this program pays tribute to them. He stated the website is louisianahonorair.com. He thanked the Council and Parish President for commending Louisiana Honor Air.

Councilman P. Lambert read the following names of World War II Veterans who made the trip to Washington, D.C.:

- Mr. Willard Fanguy
- Mr. Elzie Pinell
- Mr. Albert Bason
- Mr. Bert Redmond
- Mr. Murphy Melancon
- Mr. Inaslos Billiot
- Mr. Harold Matherne
- Mr. Clyde Naquin
- Mr. L. J. Bourgeois
- Mr. Bud Albert

Four Guardians:
- Mr. C. J. Christ
- Mr. Pete Lambert
- Mr. Emile Fanguy
- Mr. Clayton Voisin, Sr.

The Chairwoman recognized Mr. C. J. Christ, Veterans’ District Board Member, who expressed his honor at being able to take part in this program to assist World War II Veterans to go to Washington, D.C.

Several Council Members and the Parish President thanked Louisiana Honor Air for this moving experience and for those who were able to take part in the program to honor the World War II Veterans.

The Chairwoman recognized Mr. Gerald Giroir, Chairman of WHEW, LLC Action Group, who read a letter to the Parish Council that expressed the concerns of the residents in the vicinity of the proposed development behind Barrios Subdivision of the forced drainage system and levee possibly being compromised by the hauling of soil by the developers. He had some aerial photographs displayed of the activity that is currently taking place.

Mr. K. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council allow Mr. Gerald Giroir an additional two minutes to complete his presentation.”

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

**UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:**

**YEAS:** T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, and B. Hebert,

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.
Mr. Gerald Giroir continued his presentation regarding the concerns of WHEW, LLC regarding the activity at the proposed development behind Barrios Subdivision possibly compromising the forced drainage system that protects the subdivision. He requested that the Council take immediate action to stop the trucks from running on top of the levee until a satisfactory determination can be made as to whether it is sufficiently designed to withstand such heavy equipment, and if any damage has already been done, and if damage has been done, to determine who is responsible for repairs.

Councilman K. Voisin directed Administration to look into this situation and get back to him as soon as possible.

Mr. K. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council formally accept the letter from WHEW, LLC relative to their concerns with the activity taking place on the proposed development behind Barrios Subdivision.”

Upon questioning by Councilwoman T. Cavalier, Parish Manager A. Levron stated that the levee that had to be repaired during one of the hurricanes is along the same alignment of the aforementioned site being discussed but not along that particular portion. He stated that the Concord Forced Drainage system for which funding has been appropriated does tie into this site. He stated that the feature Mr. Giroir has brought up is a roadway embankment that serves as a boundary around the forced drainage system in the area.

Upon further questioning, Parish Attorney C. Alcock explained that the servitude agreement with the property owner continues to allow them to use their property and servitude areas on the surface, but it cannot interfere with the Parish’s operation and maintenance, so a determination would have to made as to whether there is any impact or not.

Parish Manager A. Levron stated that the Engineering Department and a consulting Engineer, if necessary, can be directed to determine if there is any impact on the forced drainage system due to the activity currently taking place in the proposed development behind Barrios Subdivision.

Councilwoman T. Cavalier suggested that the developer be requested to cease until a study is completed as to whether there is any impact on the forced drainage system within the development behind Barrios Subdivision and a report is given to the Council.

A discussion ensued relative to the activity taking place at the proposed development behind Barrios Subdivision and the Parish making a determination as to whether it is having an impact on the existing forced drainage system.

Councilman A. Tillman requested that the Council be given a copy of the servitude agreement between the property owner and Parish.

Parish President M. Claudet suggested that Administration be directed to request that a survey be done to determine if the activity is having an impact on the forced drainage system behind Barrios Subdivision before a cease and desist is ordered.

Parish Attorney C. Alcock stated that once elevations are shot and if it is deemed that damage to the forced drainage system has occurred, the Public Works Department has the authority to order the developers to cease and desist.

Parish President M. Claudet stated that the matter will be checked on tomorrow and should be reported upon by Friday or Monday.

Mr. J. Pizzolatto moved, seconded by Mr. K. Voisin, “THAT, it now being 6:47 p.m., the Council open public hearings.”

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

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

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairwoman recognized the public for comments on the following:

A. A proposed ordinance to rezone property located at Lot 1, Block 1, Pine Ridge Subdivision, 6548 Main Street from R-1 to C-3 (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval)

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

Mr. B. Hebert 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. B. Hebert.

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

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. B. Hebert.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. K. Voisin.

ORDINANCE NO. 7742

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE PARISH OF TERREBONNE SO AS TO REZONE FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO C-3 (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT), LOT 1, BLOCK 1, PINE RIDGE SUBDIVISION, 6548 MAIN STREET; PAULA PONTIFF, APPLICANT.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, hereby declares that it has adopted a resolution giving notice of intent to adopt the following ordinance hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, has conducted a public hearing on Wednesday, November 18, 2009; and

WHEREAS, after considering all comments received, if any, the following action is hereby taken.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Zoning Map of the Parish of Terrebonne be hereby amended so as to rezone from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to C-3 (Neighborhood Commercial District), Lot 1, Block 1, Pine Ridge Subdivision, 6548 Main Street.

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 18th day of November, 2009.

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The Chairwoman recognized the public for comments on the following:

B. A proposed ordinance to rezone property located at Lot 5, Block 3, Pontiff Subdivision, 272 Pontiff Street from R-1 to R-2 (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval.)

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

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 7743

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE PARISH OF TERREBONNE SO AS TO REZONE FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO R-2 (TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT), LOT 5, BLOCK 3, PONTIFF SUBDIVISION, 272 PONTIFF STREET; GERALDINE W. CALLAHAN, APPLICANT.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, hereby declares that it has adopted a resolution giving notice of intent to adopt the following ordinance hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, has conducted a public hearing on Wednesday, November 18, 2009; and

WHEREAS, after considering all comments received, if any, the following action is hereby taken.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Zoning Map of the Parish of Terrebonne be hereby amended so as to rezone from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-2 (Two-Family Residential District), Lot 5, Block 3, Pontiff Subdivision, 272 Pontiff Street.

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 18th day of November, 2009.

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Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. J. Pizzolatto, “THAT, the Council continue with the regular order of business.”

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

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

The Chairwoman stated that there was a special guest present, Mr. Melvin Adams, formerly with the Harlem Globetrotters and television personality.

The Chairwoman recognized Mr. Melvin Adams, who stated it was a pleasure for him to be back in Houma, Louisiana.

Councilman J. Cehan read aloud a commendation for Mr. Melvin Adams for his dedication to the youth of Terrebonne Parish for the past nine years as a major part of Project Lead.

The Chairwoman recognized Mr. Melvin Adams, who thanked the Council and Parish President for the commendation.

Mr. J. Cehan moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council allow an add-on to tonight’s agenda to adopt a commendation for Mr. Melvin Adams.”

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

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

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

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

OFFERED BY: Mr. J. Cehan.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-612

WHEREAS, for the past nine years, former Harlem Globetrotter and television personality Melvin Adams has traveled to Houma to speak to our youth about the harmful effects of drugs, and

WHEREAS, through Project Lead, a program sponsored by District Attorney Joe Waitz and Terrebonne General Medical Center, Mr. Adams has spoken to literally thousands of fifth grade students and attempted to instill upon them that a drug free life style is best for themselves,
WHEREAS, Mr. Adams has been a true hero to many young people and his message is
taken to heart by those young people who are fortunate enough to hear his comments, and

WHEREAS, the Council and the Parish President wish to commend Mr. Adams for the
time he has taken to address the youth of Terrebonne Parish and to thank both District Attorney
Joe Waitz and Terrebonne General Medical Center for sponsoring such a worthwhile program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of
the Parish President and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that Mr. Melvin
Adams be commended for his dedication to the youth of Terrebonne Parish for the past nine
years as a major part of Project Lead.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
Williams and B. Hebert.
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  None.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 18th day of November, 2009.

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The Chairwoman called for a report on the Public Services Committee meeting held on
11/16/09, whereupon the Committee Chairman rendered the following:

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 16, 2009

The Chairman, Joey Cehan, called the Public Services Committee meeting to order at
7:08 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by A.
Tillman and the Pledge of Allegiance led by B. Hebert. 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.

Engineering Staff Intern Jeanne Bray explained that the substantial completion for the
Grand Caillou Branch Library Project was previously submitted and this evening consideration
is being given to approving the contract closure for said project. She added that all furniture,
furnishings, and equipment have been delivered.

Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock stated that the Council may ratify the action after the
receipt of the furniture, furnishings, and equipment in order to close the project.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09-613

A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement between Owner and Contractor
for the Project No. 08-LIB-08, Furniture, Furnishings and Equipment for Grand Caillou Branch
Library.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Library Board of Control did enter into a contract
with GN Associates, Inc., dated May 26, 2009 and recorded under Entry No.1323200 for
Project No. 08-LIB-08, Furniture, Furnishings and Equipment for the Grand Caillou Branch
Library, and

WHEREAS, this change order is necessary to extend the contract time by Thirty (30)
Calendar Days due to delays by the manufacturer, and
WHEREAS, the Architect for this project, Cheramie + Bruce Architects, recommend this Change Order No 1, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby approve and authorize the Parish President Michel Claudet, to execute this Change Order No. 1 which increase the contract time by Thirty (30) Calendar Days, for Parish Project No. 08-LIB-08; Furniture, Furnishings and Equipment for the Grand Caillou Branch Library, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Architect, Cheramie + Bruce Architects.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 16th day of November, 2009.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09-614
A Resolution awarding and authorizing the signing of the Construction Contract for Parish Project No. 08-BRG-17, Little Bayou Black Bridge, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and authorizing the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government did receive construction bids on Parish Project No. 08-BRG-17, Little Bayou Black Bridge, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the lowest and best base bid was that submitted by Cecil D. Gassiott, L.L.C. in the overall amount of $1,653,948.02, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, awards the construction contract to Cecil D. Gassiott, L.L.C. in the overall amount of $1,653,948.02 contingent upon a budget adjustment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign a construction contract for and on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government with Cecil D. Gassiott, L.L.C., contingent upon a budget adjustment, and upon receipt of the performance bond in the amount of the contract price, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of required certificates of insurance evidencing coverage as provided in the project specifications and upon execution and recordation of all contract documents, that the Engineer is hereby authorized to issue the Notice to Proceed to the Contractor to commence construction of the project.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 16th day of November, 2009.

Mr. P. Lambert moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, “THAT, the Public Services Committee retain the matter relative to the Texas Gulf Road Boat Launch in committee for two weeks.”

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

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. J. Pizzolatto, “THAT, the Public Services Committee consider for discussion the development of a written policy on the operation of screw gates during heavy rain events or high tides.” (**MOTION AMENDED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Public Works Operations Superintendent Perry Blanchard stated that a policy has been implemented for “manning” screw gates; that the screw gates handled by the Forced Drainage Division; and that a map and summary of the operations of screw gates have been drafted. Mr. Blanchard stated that he would provide the Council Clerk with the summary of the policy.

**Mr. C. Voisin offered an amendment, seconded by Mr. J. Pizzolatto, “THAT, the Public Services Committee retain the matter relative the development of a written policy on the operation of screw gates during heavy rain events or high tides for two weeks.”

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

Mr. B. Hebert moved, seconded by Mr. K. Voisin, “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. B. Hebert.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 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 11/16/09.”

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

The Chairwoman called for a report on the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 11/16/09, whereupon the Committee Chairman rendered the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 16, 2009

The Chairman, A. Tillman, called the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by K. Voisin 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.

Head Start Administrator Diana Powell presented the 2009 Head Start Program Annual Report noting the highlights:

- $1,446,014.00 in funding has been received to-date from five separate awards for refunding operation from the Office of Head Start
- Terrebonne Parish Head Start has received a one-time funding for classroom supplies and emergency funding to rebuild items at the Senator Circle Head Start site
- 170 students were serviced by Head Start during the 2008-2009 calendar year although Terrebonne Parish was funded for 200 students; however, at any given time approximately 165 to 170 students were serviced
- Senator Circle Head Start Center re-opened on November 2, 2009 and filled to capacity
- During the 2008 – 2009 school year, twenty-two students with diagnosed disabilities were served.
- Terrebonne Parish Head Start sponsors the Child and Adult Food Camp Program and receives a reimbursement from the USDA and the Louisiana Department of Education for meals served to the children. Approximately, $74,903.83 has received to-date for the Child and Adult Food Program and that operating costs to-date are approximately $132,975.35.

Mrs. Powell continued that additional information with respect to the Program Information Report (listing the services provided) has been submitted for Council review. She also completed an annual Head Start Training to ensure that the Council is aware of its responsibilities regarding the Head Start Program. In response to questioning, Mrs. Powell stated that all funding received is expended yearly because no funding can be carried over to the next year; that equipment and supplies are replaced and replenished monthly; and that children with dyslexia or behavioral concerns are referred to the Terrebonne Parish School System for assessment. She continued that Administration is working toward establishing a program for an Early Head Start Program geared toward serving 0 to 3 years of age population and pregnant women.

Mr. J. Pizzolatto moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee accept the 2009 Head Start Program Annual Report, as presented by the Department of Housing and Human Services/Head Start.”

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. K. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. J. Pizzolatto, “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. K. Voisin.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSENT:  None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 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 11/16/09.”

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

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

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairwoman called for a report on the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on 11/16/09, whereupon the Committee Chairman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls public hearings on 12/2/09, rendered the following:

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 16, 2009

The Chairman, Billy Hebert, called the Budget & Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by J. Cehan 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:  Ms. A. Williams.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. J. Cehan.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-615

A resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute an application form to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant for the Houma Police Department of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government; and to address other matters relative thereto.

WHEREAS, the Houma Police Department of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has been approved to implement an application for a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Fiscal Year 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Fund (2009-DJ-BX-0923) in the amount of Forty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five dollars ($41,905.00) for the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government. The Fiscal Year 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Fund will provide grant funding to improve the effectiveness and safety of our Police Officers by providing them with adult flotation vest, ballistic helmets, ballistic shields, fingerprint kits, and night vision equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administrative staff and the Parish Finance Department will oversee the application process in the implementation and meeting all the requirements set forth by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and,
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, authorizes the Parish President to execute any and all necessary documents to implement the grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and to address other matters relative thereto.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
NOT VOTING:  None.
ABSENT:  T. Cavalier.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 16th day of November, 2009.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09-616

A resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute the expenditure of funds to purchase forty (40) Dell Latitude E6400 Laptop Computers and software at a total cost of Sixty-four thousand, Four hundred and forty-two dollars and fifty-three cents ($64,442.53) for the Houma Police Department of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government; and to address other matters relative thereto.

WHEREAS, prices were obtained through the Louisiana State Commodity Catalog by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the purpose of purchasing eleven (11) each computers with software, upgrades, docking stations, and twenty-nine (29) computers with software and upgrades, for the Houma Police Department under State Contract #403834, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by Neal Prejean, Information Technology Manager and Todd Duplantis, Police Chief it has been determined that the total price of Forty-eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Seven Dollars and Fifty-three cents ($48,507.53) from DELL for the purchase of forty (40) Dell Latitude E6400 Laptop Computers and should be accepted as per the State Purchasing Contract Catalog, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by Neal Prejean, Information Technology Manager and Todd Duplantis, Police Chief it has been determined that the total price of Fifteen Thousand, Nine hundred and Thirty-five dollars ($15,935.00) from CDW-G for the purchase of software for the computers which was completed by a three bids process by the Parish IT Department should be accepted, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are budgeted and available through the Police Department’s 2009 budget Account Number 204-211-8915-04 for the purchase of the aforementioned computers, software, docking stations and upgrades, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the aforementioned computers, upgrades, and docking stations purchase at a total cost of Forty-eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Seven Dollars and Fifty-three cents ($48,507.53) as per the attached State Purchasing Contract Catalog and Fifteen Thousand, Nine hundred and Thirty-five dollars ($15,935.00) from CDW-G for the purchase of software for the computers which was completed by a three bids process by the Parish IT Department, totaling Sixty-four thousand, Four hundred and forty-two dollars and fifty-three cents ($64,442.53) and .

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 computers, software, upgrades, docking stations, and mounting brackets be accepted as per the attached forms.
THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

NOT VOTING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 16th day of November, 2009.

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Houma Police Budget Coordinator Sergeant Bobby O’Bryan explained that the aforementioned laptops will be placed in vehicles for the Detective Bureau (11) and car patrol (remaining computers). He noted that 51 of the 113 current laptops will be declared surplus; that the laptops are being upgraded to accommodate the Office 2007 software, fill a shortage of laptops for Patrolmen, and provide for future wireless capabilities.

Parish President Michel Claudet stated that the surplus computers would be transferred to the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for use during emergency events.

Upon questioning, Sergeant O’Bryan stated that the laptops were previously discussed during the 2009 Budget hearings; that the laptops still have a three year warranty, and that the laptops have a 19-hour battery life. He noted the previous budget allocation was not expended due to Administration reviewing the possibilities of enacting a wireless project.

OFFERED BY: Ms. A. Williams.
SECONDED BY: Mr. J. Cehan.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-617

A resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute an application form for one grant with two grant numbers to the State of Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections Louisiana Highway Safety Commission 2009 Grant for the Houma Police Department of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government; and to address other matters relative thereto.

WHEREAS, the Houma Police Department of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has been approved to implement an application for a 2009-2010 grant from the State of Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Louisiana Highway Safety Commission for the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government. The Fiscal Year 2009 Funding will provide grant funding for the following mission statement: "The Louisiana Highway Safety Commission is committed to developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy aimed at saving lives and preventing injuries on our highways”, and

WHEREAS, the Houma Police Department of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has been approved to implement an application for a grant from the State of Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Louisiana Highway Safety Commission for grant number K8HV 2010-10-00-00 in the amount of Twelve Thousand Two Hundred and Ten Dollars ($12,210.00). The funding will provide overtime funds for Police Officers for the enforcement of Impaired Driving, and

WHEREAS, the Houma Police Department of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has been approved to implement an application for a grant from the State of Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Louisiana Highway Safety Commission for grant number PT 2010-24-00 in the amount of Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Five Dollars ($16,385.00). The funding will provide overtime funds for Police Officers for the enforcement of Occupant Protection and Speed Enforcement, along with funding to purchase in car camera system, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administrative staff and the Parish Finance Department will oversee the application process in the implementation and meeting all the requirements set forth by the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Louisiana Highway Safety Commission and,
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget & Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, authorizes the Parish President to execute any and all necessary documents to implement the grant from the State of Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections Louisiana Highway Safety Commission and to address other matters relative thereto.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 16th day of November, 2009.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. K. Voisin and Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to adopt the 2010 Budget and 5-Year Capital Outlay Budget, as presented by the Parish President and amended during the budget hearings, and call a public hearing on said matter on December 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.”

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

Mr. K. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. J. Cehan, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to amend the 2009 Adopted Budget to receive grant funding for the Master Tree Plan for Downtown Houma, and call a public hearing on said matter on December 2, 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.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Ms. A. Williams.
SECONDED BY: Mr. J. Cehan.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-618

WHEREAS, prices were obtained through the Louisiana State Commodity Catalog by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the purpose of purchasing four (4) new/unused Dodge Chargers for the Houma Police Department under State Contract #407711 and 408273, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by the Parish Administration it has been determined that the total price of Seventy Seven Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars ($77,388.00) from Southland Dodge for the purchase of four (4) new/unused Dodge Chargers 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 Seventy Seven Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars ($77,388.00) 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.
NOT VOTING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 16th day of November, 2009.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09-619
A Resolution introducing an Ordinance to declare vehicles, computers and other miscellaneous equipment from the Animal Shelter, Civic Center, Fire, Drainage, Head Start and Purchasing Departments as surplus as presented in Exhibit “A” and authorizing said items to be disposed of by public bid, negotiated sale, junked or any other legally approved method.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby introduce an ordinance which will declare Exhibit “A” as surplus and authorizes the Parish President to dispose of said items by public bid, negotiated sale, junked or any other legally approved method, and that a public hearing on said matter be called for Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 6:30 o’clock p.m.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: T. Cavalier.
ABSTAINING: None.
NOT VOTING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 16th day of November, 2009.

Chief Finance Officer Jamie Elfert stated that the vehicles used by the Animal Shelter were used quite a bit; that Administration requires that the vehicles are in better condition; and that she would provide information with respect to what type of replacement vehicles will be purchased.

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Billy Hebert, Chairman
Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Mr. B. Hebert moved, seconded by Mr. K. Voisin, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on 11/16/09.”

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. B. Hebert.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, and B. Hebert,
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 11/16/09, whereupon the Committee Chairman rendered the following:

POLICY, PROCEDURE, & LEGAL COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 16, 2009

The Chairman, Clayton J. Voisin, called the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by K. Voisin 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 was recorded as absent. A quorum was declared present.

The Chairman noted that Committee Member A. Williams was unable to attend this evening’s meeting due to a previously scheduled community meeting.

Mr. J. Pizzolatto moved, seconded by Mr. K. Voisin, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee adopt a policy requiring that all agenda items include a form which provides information on the proposed item.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Committee Member K. Voisin noted that a sample agenda item description form has been submitted which provides an idea with respect to summarizing agenda items.

Parish President Michel Claudet stated that Administration appreciates the recommendation of providing a summarized item description and looks forward to implementing the policy.

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

Mr. J. Pizzolatto 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. J. Pizzolatto.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT:  A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Clayton J. Voisin, Chairman
Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Mr. C. Voisin, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting held on 11/16/09.”

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

The Chairwoman called for a report on the Natural Resources & Coastal Restoration Committee meeting held on 11/16/09, whereupon the Committee Chairman rendered the following:

NATURAL RESOURCES & COASTAL RESTORATION COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 16, 2009

The Chairman, Kevin Voisin, called the Natural Resources & Coastal Restoration Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by T. Cavalier 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, and K. Voisin. Committee Members C. Voisin and A. Williams (community meeting) were recorded as absent. A quorum was declared present.

Council Clerk Paul Labat stated that Committee Member C. Voisin left the proceedings in order to attend a family obligation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09-620

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

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

WHEREAS, the Floating Island Environmental Solutions Device may serve to alleviate this problem by decreasing the exposure of the eastern bank line to the erosive forces of constant wave action from Terrebonne and Madison Bays; and
WHEREAS, the device is showing positive results in test applications in other areas of the State of Louisiana;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Natural Resources and Coastal Restoration Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby concur with Terrebonne Parish Coastal Zone Management and Restoration Advisory Committee’s recommendation that the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government pursue funding for the application of the Floating Island Environmental Solutions Device along selected areas of the eastern bank of Bayou Terrebonne; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Terrebonne Parish pursue partnership opportunities for this project with the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District and the Science and Technology Program of the Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration of the State of Louisiana.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: C. Voisin and A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 16th day of November, 2009.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09-621

WHEREAS the residents of Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes are in urgent need of Comprehensive Hurricane Protection and Coastal Restoration assistance as demonstrated by the combined catastrophic human, economic and environmental impacts of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita of 2005 and Gustav and Ike in 2008; and

WHEREAS the Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Protection System (Morganza) will prevent further catastrophic damages by protecting over 200,000 human lives and up to 80,000 acres of wetlands from saltwater intrusion and storm surges; and

WHEREAS the Morganza project has been under study since 1992 and the reconnaissance study, the feasibility study and the programmatic Environmental Impact Statement are now complete; and key components of the Morganza Project have been in every federal and state coastal restoration plan for the last ten years, including the recently completed Terrebonne Parish Comprehensive Plan for Coastal Restoration; and

WHEREAS the Morganza Project was authorized through the Water Resources and Development Act of 2007; and

WHEREAS the state of Louisiana has provided significant funding for the protection of Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes, and the citizens of these parishes have taxed themselves since 2001 to provide some kind of protection; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District, has initiated the planning, design and permitting of several project components critical to our protection, and

WHEREAS through the permit process, several groups with little or no representation in our area have objected to the permits for these projects, and

WHEREAS these objections raise issues that have previously been settled in the long and arduous federal study process, and
WHEREAS these objections show a lack of understanding of the basic environmental, engineering and planning issues facing Terrebonne Parish, and will only serve to delay much needed storm protection for our Parish; and

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish is one of the more aggressive parishes in the implementation of its elevation program for repetitive loss structures in addition to its active pursuit of funding for barrier island, shoreline restoration and freshwater reintroduction projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Natural Resources and Coastal Restoration Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, concurs with the Terrebonne Parish Coastal Zone and Restoration Advisory Committee Board and supports the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District in its efforts to provide flood protection to our community as quickly as practicable, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is forwarded to the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District, the South Lafourche Levee District, the Morganza Action Coalition, the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, the Lake Ponchartrain Basin Foundation, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Management Division.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: C. Voisin and A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 16th day of November, 2009.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09-622

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

WHEREAS Terrebonne Parish currently experiences one of the highest rates of coastal land loss in Louisiana, and is in urgent need of projects to restore and protect our fragile wetlands, and

WHEREAS, the Technical Committee of the Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) has previously selected the Lost Lake Marsh Creation and Hydrologic Restoration Project as one of 10 projects for further evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Project is now a candidate for Engineering and Design funding; and

WHEREAS this project will provide synergistic benefits to the following CWPPRA projects:

1) Brady Canal Hydrologic Restoration (construction completed);
2) North Lake Mechant Land bridge Project (construction at or near completion);
3) Panchent Basin Project (construction start in 2010);
4) Central Terrebonne Freshwater Enhancement (currently in Engineering and Design) and
5) South Lake Decade Shoreline Protection and Marsh Creation (construction to begin in 2010) ; and
WHEREAS, the implementation of this project, as a compliment to other CWPPRA projects, will restore and protect area marshes and will also serve as a buffer zone separating the fresher marshes to the north and the more saline marshes to the south.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Natural Resources and Coastal Restoration Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, concurs with the Coastal Zone Management and Restoration Advisory Committee and does urge and request that the CWPPRA Technical Committee consider the North Lost Lake Project and assign it a high priority when selecting projects for Phase I (E&D) funding; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these comments be directed to the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District and other civic organizations as appropriate, and the Chairman of the CWPPRA Technical Committee, Mr. Tom Holden, USACOE, as well as other members of the committee, prior to its meeting on December 2, 2009.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: C. Voisin and A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 16th day of November, 2009.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09-623

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

WHEREAS, the residents of Terrebonne Parish and all of Coastal Louisiana are in urgent need of Comprehensive Hurricane Protection and Coastal Restoration assistance as demonstrated by the combined catastrophic human, economic and environmental impacts of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 and Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Basin has suffered tremendous conversion of marsh to open water, with an average annual erosion rate of 25 linear feet per year largely due to subsidence, hydrologic alterations and subsequent saltwater intrusion; and

WHEREAS, this rapid rate of land loss has dramatically increased the tidal prism north of the bay and directly contributes to ongoing flooding problems of many communities along Bayou Terrebonne, including the town of Montegut; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Zone Management and Restoration Advisory Committee seeks to address this ecosystem degradation by various means, including the development of the Terrebonne bay Shoreline Protection and Marsh Creation comprehensive Plan for consideration under the CWPPRA program; and

WHEREAS, the complex nature of this ecosystem and the measures required to address these challenges demand a more comprehensive approach; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration has requested that local governing bodies submit project requests for possible inclusion in the Water Resources Development Act legislation being developed in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, the restoration and protection of the Terrebonne Bay Shoreline is a critical project and is an urgent priority for the citizens of Terrebonne Parish;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Natural Resources and Coastal Restoration Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, concurs with the Terrebonne Parish Coastal Zone Management and Restoration Advisory Committee and urges and requests that the State of Louisiana, through the Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration does submit the Terrebonne Bay Shoreline Protection Project as a candidate for inclusion in the Water Resources Development Act of 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District and our State and Federal Legislative Delegations.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: C. Voisin and A. Williams.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 16th day of November, 2009.

Mr. J. Pizzolatto moved, seconded by Mr. J. Cehan, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Natural Resources and Coastal Restoration 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.
ABSTAINING: C. Voisin and A. Williams.
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Kevin Voisin, Chairman

Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Mr. K. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Natural Resources & Coastal Restoration Committee meeting held on 11/16/09.”

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

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. J. Cehan, “THAT, the Council keep nominations open for two weeks for the vacancy for the position of alternate member on the Board of Adjustments.”

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. A. Tillman.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, and B. Hebert,
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.
Mr. K. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. J. Pizzolatto, “THAT, the Council keep nominations open for two weeks for the vacancy on the Terrebonne Parish Boat Launch Advisory.”

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

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

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. K. Voisin, “THAT, the Council accept the resignation of Ms. Lori Bolden from the Downtown Development Corporation and that nominations be kept open for two weeks.”

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

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

Assistant Council Clerk C. Poche’ clarified that in reference to agenda item 4A3 –Houma Area Convention and Visitors Bureau - the vacancy can be a representative from any private, non-profit agency.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. J. Pizzolatto, “THAT, the Council keep nominations open for the vacancy on the Houma Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.”

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

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

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. J. Cehan, “THAT, the Council keep nominations open for two weeks for the vacancy on the Houma Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board.”

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

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

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. J. Cehan, “THAT, the Council hold nominations open for two weeks for the two vacancies on the Cemetery Appeals Board.”

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09-624

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council is aware of the formation of the West Houma Community Weed and Seed Initiative, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council is in full support of the Weed and Seed Initiative and recognizes same as a viable method controlling and alleviating the drug abuse problem in said area, and

WHEREAS, in order to assist with the guidance and operation of the program, a Memorandum of Agreement with the Terrebonne Parish Council and other local governmental entities has been proposed which agrees to certain terms and conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the proposed Memorandum of Agreement with the Terrebonne Parish Council and the Terrebonne Parish President for the West Houma Community Weed and Seed Initiative be fully supported by this governing body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council Chairman and Parish President be authorized to execute any necessary documents concerning said agreement.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Vice Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 18th day of November, 2009.

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Chairwoman A. Williams resumed the Chair.

RESOLUTION: Requesting an Attorney General’s opinion on the authority of the Parish Government with respect to the purchase of property.

Mr. B. Hebert moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin
*(RESOLUTION VOTED ON AND FAILS AFTER DISCUSSION.)

Councilman B. Hebert stated he is not opposed to the purchase of 70 acres of property as proposed by Administration for the Parish Government to construct a multitude of government offices, but feels he owes the constituents in District 3 the right to know that this proposal has been fully explored and fairly represents the wishes of the taxpayers on the purchase of this property.

Parish President M. Claudet stated he appreciates Councilman B. Hebert’s concerns, but it is his understanding that there is no such restriction in connection with the purchase of real estate. He stated that the main issue is the location of the property. He stated that he has reviewed the proposed property purchase with a number of people, including members of his staff that would be housed in the proposed facility.

Upon questioning by Councilwoman T. Cavalier, Parish Attorney C. Alcock stated that she believes everything was done legally for the Parish President to present the proposed
property purchase before the Council. She stated that the constitution grants political subdivisions the right to purchase property for any public purpose and the only restriction is that the government is obliged to pay no more than fair market value. She said the property is being offered at much less than the fair market value.

*The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. B. Hebert. T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, and A. Williams were recorded as voting Nay.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution failed.

Councilman J. Pizzolatto urged citizens to pick up their garbage bins after they have been emptied and not to leave them on the sidewalks.

Councilwoman T. Cavalier announced to the residents of Southern Estates that tomorrow, 11/19/09 at 6:00 p.m., the Planning Commission will discuss a proposed development in Southern Estates. She stated that she will ask that the matter be delayed for thirty days after the residents express their concerns.

Councilman P. Lambert announced the annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Ward 7 Citizens Club in Chauvin on Thanksgiving Day from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and noted that it is free and open to the public.

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

- The construction permit was received today for a 248-unit apartment complex behind Peppers Pizzaria off Enterprise Drive
- Equity Bridge and a portion of Westside Boulevard will be constructed if the budget amendment gets approved on 12/2/09
- The Enterprise Drive Project, which is being privately built, will be constructed
- Saturday, 11/21/09, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. there will be a tree planting educational seminar entitled “Trees Are Our Friends”
- Ms. Linda Henderson will serve on the Louisiana Complete Count Committee for the 2010 Census
- Senator David Vitter will be at the Terrebonne Parish Library tomorrow for a town meeting
- Houma Police Officer Kristina Payne who was called out because an eighty-five year old man and his wife had groceries stolen put up her own money to pay for their groceries
- HPD Officer Kelly Champagne who was recently shot is doing fine and the suspect has been booked for the incident
- If there are Veterans who did not receive a medal from Governor Jindal, the forms are on the website and if they are sent in, the Governor may come back to distribute them
- The Port Commission received the “Clean Marina Award” from the State

No action was necessary on agenda item 7A – Information List.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. K. Voisin, “THAT, the Council rescind the previous motion adopted on September 22, 2009 with respect to the condemnation of the structure located at 512 Madison Street, Houma, owned by Mr. Robert Thomas Fisher, III and Mrs. Nicole Goswick Fischer, and that the Council find that the **accessory** structure at said location as per the legal description:

‘LOT NO. TWELVE (12) of BLOCK ONE (1) of MADISON PARK SUBDIVISION, being a subdivision of part of the property of Madison L. Funderburk, located in Section 101, T 17S, R 17E, as shown and delineated on a plan of survey made and executed by S. A. Hunson, Jr., C.E., May 29, 1947, duly recorded in the conveyance records of the Parish of Terrebonne, Louisiana, under Entry No. 68259; said Lot No. Twelve (12) of Block One (1) of Madison Park Subdivision measuring a front of Fifty-five (55’) feet on the westerly side of Madison Street, by depth on its northerly side of One hundred seventeen feet, eleven and one-half inches (117’ 11-1/2”) and by depth on its southerly side of Eighty five feet, three and one-half (85’ 3-1/2”) and measuring Sixty-four (64’) feet on its westerly side; being bounded on its northerly side by Lot 13, on its westerly
side by portion of Lots Five (5) and Six (6); and on its southerly side by Lot Eleven 911) all in Block One 91) of said Madison Park Subdivision; and on its easterly side by Madison Street; together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and all rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, advantages and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.’

is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition that endangers the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and accordingly, the structure is, hereby, condemned and the owner is here by ordered to demolish and/or remove the structure on or before October 30, 2009. In default of which, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government may proceed to do so, and in accordance therewith, the Parish Administration be authorized to proceed with the bidding process for the demolition and/or removal.”

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

Mr. J. Pizzolatto moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, “THAT, the Council convene into Executive Session to discuss the law suits titled:

"Lisa Bergeron versus Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, through Houma Police Department, and Patrick Boudreaux, Individually and in his Official Capacity (Civil Action No. 08-4426)";

"Donna Wedgeworth versus Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, through Houma Police Department, and Patrick Boudreaux, Individually and in his Official Capacity (Civil Action No. 08-4428)";

"Christina Farmer versus Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, through Houma Police Department, and Patrick Boudreaux, Individually and in his Official Capacity (Civil Action No. 08-4437)"; and,

"Marsha Russell versus Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, through Houma Police Department, and Patrick Boudreaux, Individually and in his Official Capacity (Civil Action No. 08-4438)"

that the Council, Parish Attorney, Assistant Parish Attorney Alexander “Kip” Crighton, and Parish President be invited into the session “.

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

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. J. Cehan, “THAT, the Council convene back into Regular Session.”

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. Voisin.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, and B. Hebert,
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  None
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.
Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. K. Voisin, “THAT, the Council concur with the Legal Staff with regards to the following lawsuits:

"Lisa Bergeron versus Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, through Houma Police Department, and Patrick Boudreaux, Individually and in his Official Capacity (Civil Action No. 08-4426);"

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"Marsha Russell versus Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, through Houma Police Department, and Patrick Boudreaux, Individually and in his Official Capacity (Civil Action No. 08-4438)."

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

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: T. Cavalier, J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, C. Voisin, J. Cehan, P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, and B. Hebert,

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:


NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted and the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

VENITA H. CHAUVIN
MINUTE CLERK

ATTEST:

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

/S/ CHARLETTE D. POCHÉ
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