

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A **REGULAR MEETING** HELD ON **TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024 AT 12:00 P.M.** IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, LOCATED AT 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA.

The St. Bernard Parish Council, the Governing Authority, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at twelve o'clock p.m. pursuant to notice given to each member and posted in the manner required by law.

The meeting convened at 12:00 p.m. Members present: Council Chair Fred Everhardt, Jr, Patrice Cusimano, Joshua "Josh" Moran, Cindi Meyer, Ryan Randall, Amanda Mones, and Gillis McCloskey.

Also present were Roxanne Adams, Deputy Clerk of Council, serving as official secretary of the Council and Louis Pomes, Parish President, Donnie Bourgeois, CAO, John Lane, Coastal Manager, Earl Borden, Fire Chief, Jason Stopa, Community Development Director, Lonnie Banks, Recreation Director and Chad Kelley, Assistant Director of Finance W&S were representing Administration.

Councilmember McCloskey delivered the invocation and Councilmember Moran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elected Officials present were Tony "Te-Ton" Jeansonne - Constable Ward J, Ray Lauga - Former Councilmember District A, Kevin Hoffman - Justice of the Peace Ward A, Bruce Jackson-Justice of the Peace Ward K, and Charlie Ponstein - Former Parish President.

**#1** On motion of Mrs. Cusimano, seconded by Mr. McCloskey, it was moved to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2023 Regular Council Meeting as published in the official journal, the St. Bernard Voice on Friday, December 29, 2023.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

**YEAS:** Cusimano, Moran, Meyer, Randall, Mones, McCloskey

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The Council Chair, Mr. Everhardt, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

**#2 Recognize the Public**

- Jason Mones - St. Bernard, LA
- Charlie Ponstein - Chalmette, LA
- Jimmy Delery - Arabi, LA

**#3 Summary No. 4153**

Introduced by: Administration on 12/19/23

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RETENTION OF THE LAW-FIRM BLUE WILLIAMS, L.L.P., TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT IN THE CASE OF LMB SERVICES, LLC VS. THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD GOVERNMENT, CIVIL NO. 23-1617, DIV. "D", 34th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT.

**NO ONE APPEARED TO SPEAK FOR OR AGAINST THIS ITEM .**

**#4** On motion of Mr. McCloskey, seconded by Mr. Randall, it was moved to **adopt** the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION SBPC #2343-01-24**

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Bernard Parish Council, the Governing Authority, does hereby ratify the following salaries for the C.A.O. and Department Heads of St Bernard Parish Government as recommended by Parish President, Louis Pomes, in accordance with Section 4-01(b) Article IV of the St. Bernard Parish Home Rule Charter.

Donald Bourgeois III	Chief Administrative Officer	\$135,000.00
Vacant	Director of Human Resources	\$ 86,972.50
Earl Borden	Fire Chief	\$122,824.08
Hillary Nunez	Director of Public Works	\$142,762.00
Jason Stopa	Director of Community Development	\$ 94,302.38
Vacant	Director of Finance	\$115,000.00
Yolanda Banks Thomas	Director of Parks & Recreation	\$ 93,967.97

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

**YEAS:** Cusimano, Moran, Meyer, Randall, Mones, McCloskey

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The Council Chair, Mr. Everhardt, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

**#5** On motion of Mr. McCloskey, seconded by Mrs. Cusimano, it was moved to **adopt** the following resolution:

### RESOLUTION SBPC #2344-01-24

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TWO COUNCILMEMBERS AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION.

On motion of Mr. McCloskey, seconded by Mrs. Cusimano, it was moved to appoint the following people to the Regional Planning Commission:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>
Louis Pomes office Parish President	January 9, 2024	Term of
Joshua "Josh" Moran office Councilmember District B	January 9, 2024	Term of
Ryan Randall office Councilmember District D	January 9, 2024	Term of

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote there upon resulted as follows:

**YEAS:** Cusimano, Meyer, Mones, McCloskey

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Moran, Randall

The Council Chair, Mr. Everhardt, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

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**#6** On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Ms. Meyer, it was moved to **adopt** the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION SBPC #2345-01-24**

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING NEW MEMBERS TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. McCloskey, it was moved to appoint the following members to the Regional Planning Commission:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>
Roxanne Adams	January 9, 2024	January 11, 2028
Susan Klees	January 9, 2024	January 11, 2028

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

- YEAS:** Cusimano, Moran, Meyer, Randall, Mones, McCloskey
- NAYS:** None
- ABSENT:** None

The Council Chair, Mr. Everhardt, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

**#7** On motion of Mr. McCloskey, seconded by Mr. Randall, it was moved to **adopt** the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE SBPC #2558-01-24**

**Summary No. 4153**

Introduced by: Administration on 12/19/23

Public Hearing held on 1/9/24

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RETENTION OF THE LAW-FIRM BLUE WILLIAMS, L.L.P., TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT IN THE CASE OF LMB SERVICES, LLC VS. THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD GOVERNMENT, CIVIL NO. 23-1617, DIV. "D", 34th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

- YEAS:** Cusimano, Moran, Meyer, Randall, Mones, McCloskey
- NAYS:** None
- ABSENT:** None

The Council Chair, Mr. Everhardt, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

**#8 Coastal Zone Advisory Committee**

No action taken on this item.

There being no further business for discussion, the Council Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m. on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

COPIES OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES IN THEIR ENTIRETY ARE ON FILE AT THE CLERK OF COUNCIL'S OFFICE AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING.

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