

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A **REGULAR MEETING** HELD ON **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023 AT 3:00 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, October 18, 2023 at three o'clock p.m. pursuant to notice given to each member and posted in the manner required by law.

The meeting convened at 3:01 p.m. Members present: Council Chair Richard "Richie" Lewis, Gillis McCloskey, Joshua "Josh" Moran, Howard Luna, Wanda Alcon, Fred Everhardt, Jr., and Kerri Callais.

Also present were Roxanne Adams, Clerk of Council, serving as official secretary of the Council and John Lane, CAO and Jason Stopa, Community Development Director were representing Administration.

Councilmember Callais delivered the invocation and Councilmember Luna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elected Officials present was Jake Benoit with Senator Kennedy's Office.

**#1** On motion of Ms. Callais, seconded by Mr. McCloskey, it was moved to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2023 Board of Review Meeting and the October 3, 2023 Regular Council Meeting as published in the official journal, the St. Bernard Voice on Friday, October 13, 2023.

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

**YEAS:** McCloskey, Moran, Luna, Alcon, Everhardt, Callais

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

**#2** On joint motion of the Council Chair, without objection and by unanimous consent, it was moved to proclaim October 2023 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in St. Bernard Parish.

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

**YEAS:** McCloskey, Moran, Luna, Alcon, Everhardt, Callais

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

**#3** On joint motion of the Council Chair, without objection and by unanimous consent, it was moved to recognize Sam Stines with VDCI for a Mosquito Update.

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

**YEAS:** McCloskey, Moran, Luna, Alcon, Everhardt, Callais

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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

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And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

**#4 Councilmember 's District Update**

A copy of this update is on file with the minutes of this meeting.

**#5 President 's Report**

No action taken on this item.

**#6 Recognize the Public**

No one signed up to speak.

**#7 Summary No. 4125**

Introduced by: Councilmember Everhardt on 10/3/23

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO DEDICATE FUNDS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN THE FIRE CAPITAL FUND TO FIRE STATION 11 FOR REPAIRS.

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

**#8 Summary No. 4126**

Introduced by: Councilmember Everhardt on 10/3/23

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO DEDICATE FUNDS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN THE FIRE CAPITAL FUND TO RENOVATE AND BRING FIRE STATION 12 TO AN OPERATIONAL AND FUNCTIONAL STATUS IMMEDIATELY.

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

**#9 Summary No. 4127**

Introduced by: Council on 10/3/23

AN ORDINANCE TO **AMEND ORDINANCE SBPC #2382-11-21** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE HURRICANE RECOVERY BONDS, SERIES 2021, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADDITIONAL PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES TO ADDRESS THE SALT WATER INTRUSION THREAT TO THE PARISH WATER SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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

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

**RESOLUTION SBPC #2333-10-23**

A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO CLOSE, IF POSSIBLE, ANY AND ALL CREVASSES UP RIVERS FROM THE VENICE JUMP; AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Discussion ensued;

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

**YEAS:** McCloskey, Moran, Luna, Alcon, Everhardt, Callais

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

**#11** On motion of the Council Chair, without objection and by unanimous consent, it was moved to **table** the following ordinance until the November 7, 2023 Council Meeting:

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## Summary No. 4106

Introduced by: Councilmember Everhardt on 8/1/23  
Planning Commission recommended **DENIAL** on 8/22/23  
Public Hearing held on 9/5/23  
Tabled on 9/5/23 until 10/3/23  
Tabled on 10/3/23 until 10/18/23  
Tabled on 10/18/23 until 11/7/23

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE **DOCKET Z-2023-012**, PETITION OF COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT E FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM A-1 (RURAL) TO R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL). PROPERTY LOCATION: LOTS: 1-50 WOODCHASE SUBDIVISION, LOTS 1-13 SQ. I, SIDELENIE PK., LOTS 2A, 3-11, 13-A, 14-20, SQ. F. SIDELENIE PK., LOT 2-E-1, 3E-18E, 19 & 20, SQ. E. SIDELENIE PK. SUB., LOTS: 1-5, 6A, 8A, 9-10, & 11A SQ. B. SIDLENIE PK. SUB., 8A1, 9-11A, 13-A-1, 14A, 16A1, & 17A, SQ. A, SIDLENIE SUB. ST. BERNARD, LA 70085.

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

**YEAS:** McCloskey, Moran, Luna, Alcon, Everhardt, Callais

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

**#12** On motion of Ms. Callais, seconded by Mr. Everhardt, it was moved to **adopt** the following ordinance:

### ORDINANCE SBPC #2530-10-23

## Summary No. 4125

Introduced by Councilmember Everhardt on 10/3/23  
Public Hearing held on 10/18/23

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO DEDICATE FUNDS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN THE FIRE CAPITAL FUND TO FIRE STATION 11 FOR REPAIRS.

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

**YEAS:** McCloskey, Moran, Luna, Alcon, Everhardt, Callais

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

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

### ORDINANCE SBPC #2531-10-23

## Summary No. 4126

Introduced by: Councilmember Everhardt on 10/3/23  
Public Hearing held on 10/18/23

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO DEDICATE FUNDS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN THE FIRE CAPITAL FUND TO RENOVATE AND BRING FIRE STATION 12 TO AN OPERATIONAL AND FUNCTIONAL STATUS IMMEDIATELY.

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

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**YEAS:** McCloskey, Moran, Luna, Alcon, Everhardt, Callais

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

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

## **ORDINANCE SBPC #2532-10-23**

### **Summary No. 4127**

Introduced by: Council on 10/3/23

Public Hearing held on 10/18/23

AN ORDINANCE TO **AMEND ORDINANCE SBPC #2382-11-21** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE HURRICANE RECOVERY BONDS, SERIES 2021, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADDITIONAL PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES TO ADDRESS THE SALT WATER INTRUSION THREAT TO THE PARISH WATER SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION

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

**YEAS:** McCloskey, Moran, Luna, Alcon, Callais

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**DID NOT VOTE :** Everhardt

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

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

### **#15 Coastal Zone Advisory Committee**

No action taken on this item.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Ms. Callais, it was moved to amend the agenda to introduce items #16, #17, and #18.

### **#16 Summary No. 4130**

Introduced by: Councilmember Moran on 10/18/23

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND **ORDINANCE SBPC #2469-12-22**, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2023 ST. BERNARD PARISH ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET.

### **#17 Summary No. 4131**

Introduced by: Councilmember Moran on 10/18/23

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO ACQUIRE LOT 11-A SQ. A SIDLENIE SUBDIVISION MEASURING 50' FRONT ON TORRES X DEPTH OF 235'.

### **#18 Summary No. 4132**

Introduced by: Councilmember Moran on 10/18/23

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO ACQUIRE LOT 4 SQ. I SIDLENIE PARK SUBDIVISION MEASURING 50' FRONT ON TORRES X DEPTH OF 148'.

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

**YEAS:** McCloskey, Moran, Luna, Alcon, Everhardt, Callais

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**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

**#16** On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. McCloskey, it was moved to **introduce** the following ordinance:

**Summary No. 4130**

Introduced by: Councilmember Moran on 10/18/23

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND **ORDINANCE SBPC #2469-12-22**, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2023 ST. BERNARD PARISH ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET.

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

**YEAS:** McCloskey, Moran, Luna, Alcon, Everhardt, Callais

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

**#17** On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Everhardt, it was moved to **introduce** the following Ordinance:

**Summary No. 4131**

Introduced by: Councilmember Moran on 10/18/23

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO ACQUIRE LOT 11-A SQ. A SIDLENIE SUBDIVISION MEASURING 50' FRONT ON TORRES X DEPTH OF 235'.

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

**YEAS:** McCloskey, Moran, Luna, Alcon, Everhardt, Callais

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

**#18** On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Everhardt, it was moved to **introduce** the following Ordinance:

**Summary No. 4132**

Introduced by: Councilmember Moran on 10/18/23

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO ACQUIRE LOT 4 SQ. I SIDLENIE PARK SUBDIVISION MEASURING 50' FRONT ON TORRES X DEPTH OF 148'.

Discussion ensued;

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

**YEAS:** McCloskey, Moran, Luna, Alcon, Everhardt, Callais

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

There being no further business for discussion, the Council Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m. on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

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.

Roxanne Adams  
Lewis

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

Richard "Richie"

RICHARD "RICHIE" LEWIS  
COUNCIL CHAIR