

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A **REGULAR MEETING** HELD ON **TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026 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, January 20, 2026 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 Fred Everhardt, Jr., Patrice Cusimano, Joshua "Josh" Moran, Cindi Meyer, Ryan Randall, Amanda Mones, and Gillis McCloskey.

Also present were Roxanne Buras, Clerk of Council, serving as official secretary of the Council and Louis Pomes - Parish President, John B. White - Legal Counsel, Justin Frank - Director of Finance, Craig Deharde - Executive Assistant to CAO/President, John Lane - Executive Director of Coastal Operations, Merritt Landry - Director of Community Development, Hillary Nunez - Director of Public Works, and Earl Borden - Fire Chief.

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

Elected Officials present were Ray Lauga - Former Councilmember District "A" and Merritt Landry - Constable Ward "A".

**#1** On motion of Mrs. Mones, seconded by Mr. Randall, it was moved to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2026 Regular Council Meeting as published in the official journal, the St. Bernard Voice on Friday, January 16, 2026.

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

**#2** On joint motion of the Council Chair, without objection and by unanimous consent, it was moved to recognize Karen Parsons of the Regional Planning Commission for her outstanding service to the Parish of St. Bernard.

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

**#3** On joint motion of the Council Chair, without objection and by unanimous consent, it was moved to recognize Executive Director Brad Hassert with the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors.

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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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

**#4** On joint motion of the Council Chair, without objection and by unanimous consent, it was moved to receive an update from the Capital Projects Department.

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

### **#5 Recognize the Public**

No one signed up to speak.

### **#6 Councilmember's District Update**

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

### **#7 President's Report**

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

### **#8 Summary No. 4330**

Personnel Board recommended **APPROVAL** on 12/10/25

Introduced by: Administration on 1/6/26

**PAY** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL SCALE.

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

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

### **RESOLUTION SBPC #2605-01-26**

A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT A MEMBER TO THE ST. BERNARD PARISH LIBRARY BOARD.

On motion of Ms. Meyer, seconded by Mrs. Mones, it was moved to reappoint Rebecca Livaudais to the St. Bernard Parish Library Board and to expire in January 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

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**ABSENT:** None

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

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

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

### **RESOLUTION SBPC #2606-01-26**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THOSE DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND (CWEF) 2025-2026 GRANT APPLICATION IN THE SUM OF \$156,000.00 TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA TO ABRASIVE-BLAST CLEAN, REHABILITATE, AND INSTALL A NEW PROTECTIVE COATING ON THE INTERIOR OF THE VIOLET WATER TOWER TANK FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING DRINKING WATER QUALITY FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ST. BERNARD PARISH AND EXTENDING THE USEFUL LIFE OF THE WATER TANK.

Discussion ensued;

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

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

### **Summary No. 4330**

Personnel Board recommended **APPROVAL** on 12/10/25

Introduced by: Administration on 1/6/26

Public Hearing held on 1/20/26

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL PAY SCALE.

Discussion ensued;

On motion of Mr. McCloskey, seconded by Mr. Moran, it was moved to **amend** Summary No. 4330 to move "Journeyman Electrician" from Paygrade 5 to Paygrade 7 and move "Electrician" from Paygrade 7 to Paygrade 5.

Discussion on the proposed amendment;

Councilmember McCloskey withdrew his motion to amend;

Discussion ensued on the item as originally presented;

On motion of Mr. McCloskey, seconded by Ms. Meyer, it was moved to **adopt** the following ordinance:

### **ORDINANCE SBPC #2713-01-26**

### **Summary No. 4330**

Personnel Board recommended **APPROVAL** on 12/10/25

Introduced by: Administration on 1/6/26

Public Hearing held on 1/20/26

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL PAY SCALE.

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

**#12** On motion of Mrs. Mones, seconded by Ms. Meyer, it was moved to **introduce** the following ordinance:

### Summary No. 4331

Introduced by: Councilmember Everhardt on 1/20/26

AN ORDINANCE TO **AMEND** CHAPTER 22, ZONING; SECTION 22-2, INTERPRETATION; SUBSECTION 22-2-4, DEFINITIONS AND SECTION 22-6, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS; SUBSECTION 22-6-4, PERMITTED USES IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Discussion ensued;

Councilmember Moran made a motion to change all from P to CU.

The motion died due to a lack of a second;

Discussion ensued on the item as originally presented;

Councilmember McCloskey made a motion to call for question;

Council Chair called for a vote on the item as originally presented;

On motion of Mrs. Mones, seconded by Ms. Meyer, it was moved to **introduce** the following ordinance:

### Summary No. 4331

Introduced by: Councilmember Everhardt on 1/20/26

AN ORDINANCE TO **AMEND** CHAPTER 22, ZONING; SECTION 22-2, INTERPRETATION; SUBSECTION 22-2-4, DEFINITIONS AND SECTION 22-6, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS; SUBSECTION 22-6-4, PERMITTED USES IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Public Hearing for Summary No. 4331 will be held on March 3, 2026 at the 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting.

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

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## #13 Coastal Zone Advisory Committee

No action taken on this item

On motion of the Council Chair, without objection and by unanimous consent, it was moved to take items #14 & 15 in Globo.

#14 Motion to enter into Executive Session to receive an update from the Environmentalist Counsel regarding St. Bernard Parish Government v. The Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, 34<sup>th</sup> JDC No. 23-1006.

#15 Motion to enter into Executive Session to receive an update on St. Bernard Parish Govt. v. Port NOLA, 34<sup>th</sup> JDC No. 23-1006.

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

On motion of the Council Chair, without objection and by unanimous consent, it was moved to return to Regular Session.

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

#14 No action taken on this item.

#15 No action taken on this item.

There being no further business for discussion, the Council Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

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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