

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A **REGULAR MEETING** HELD ON **TUESDAY, JULY 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, July 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, Howard Luna, and Fred Everhardt, Jr.

Councilmembers absent were Joshua "Josh" Moran, Wanda Alcon, and Kerri Callais.

Also present were Roxanne Adams, Clerk of Council, serving as official secretary of the Council and John Lane, CAO was representing Administration.

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

Elected Officials present were Ray Lauga, Jr. former Councilmember District A, John Schroder Louisiana State Treasurer and Jake Benoit Representative with Senator Kennedy's Office.

Councilmember Moran, Alcon, and Callais are now marked as present.

**#1** On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Ms. Callais, it was moved to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting as published in the official journal, the St. Bernard Voice on Friday, July 14, 2023.

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**DID NOT VOTE:** McCloskey

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

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

**#2** On joint motion of the Council Chair, without objection and by unanimous consent, it was moved to remove this item from the agenda.

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 July, 2023.

Council Chair took a Chairman's Privilege to recognize John Schroder the Louisiana State Treasurer and Candidate for Louisiana Governor.

**#3** 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.

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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 July, 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

- Jim Phillipott - Chalmette, LA

### #7 Summary No. 4100

Introduced by: Councilmember Luna on 7/5/23

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND **ORDINANCE SBPC #2346-08-21**, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN OLD ARABI NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION TO ADDRESS PRESERVATION AND REDEVELOPMENT ISSUES.

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

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

### RESOLUTION SBPC #2313-07-23

A RESOLUTION TO AN APPOINT MEMBER TO THE ST. BERNARD PARISH LIBRARY BOARD.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Elizabeth "Liz" Qualiano	July 2028

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 July, 2023.

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

### ORDINANCE SBPC #2507-07-23

#### Summary No. 4100

Introduced by: Councilmember Luna on 7/5/23

Public Hearing held on 7/18/23

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND **ORDINANCE SBPC #2346-08-21**, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN OLD ARABI NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION TO ADDRESS PRESERVATION AND

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## REDEVELOPMENT ISSUES.

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 July, 2023.

**#10** On motion of the Council Chair, without objection and by unanimous consent, it was moved to **remove** the following **Emergency Ordinance** :

### **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE SBPC #2505-07-23**

#### **Summary No. 4101**

Councilman Everhardt

AN **EMERGENCY** ORDINANCE TO ENSURE THAT ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES TO STAFF, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE FIRE STATIONS 10 & 11 WHILE CONCURRENTLY WORKING ON PRESERVING FIRE STATION 12 TO PREPARE FOR FUTURE USE.

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 July, 2023.

Councilmember Everhardt stated for the official record:

“Mr. Chairman, I would like to state for the official record that there were lots of meetings with Council and Administration and we are all in agreeance to move a truck from Fire Station 10 to 11, preserve Station 12 for the next administration and that no equipment or manpower will be moved out of Fire District 2.

I’m confident that in the next 14 to 30 days, we will see results for all the hard work we have put in for Fire District 2.”

On motion of Mr. Everhardt, seconded by Mr. Moran, it was moved to amend the agenda for the following Emergency Ordinance:

### **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE SBPC #2506-07-23**

#### **Summary No. 4102**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE **REPEALING ORDINANCE SBPC #2483-04-23**, AN ORDINANCE TO HAVE THE ADMINISTRATION IMMEDIATELY PUT BACK IN PLACE THE ENTIRE STAFFING AND EQUIPMENT LEVELS OF FIRE DISTRICT 2 TO ITS LEVELS AS IT WAS PRIOR TO MARCH 6, 2023.

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 July, 2023.

**#13** On motion of Mr. Everhardt, seconded by Mrs. Callais, it was moved to **adopt** the following Emergency Ordinance:

## **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE SBPC #2506-07-23**

### **Summary No. 4102**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE **REPEALING ORDINANCE SBPC #2483-04-23**, AN ORDINANCE TO HAVE THE ADMINISTRATION IMMEDIATELY PUT BACK IN PLACE THE ENTIRE STAFFING AND EQUIPMENT LEVELS OF FIRE DISTRICT 2 TO ITS LEVELS AS IT WAS PRIOR TO MARCH 6, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. McCloskey, it was moved to amend the 1<sup>st</sup> Whereas and add "and Council"

**WHEREAS**, Administration [and Council](#) has agreed to continue to staff, maintain, and operate Fire Stations 8, 10 & 11 while concurrently working on preserving Fire Station 12 to prepare for future use; and,

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 July, 2023.

### **#11 Coastal Zone Advisory Committee**

No action taken on this item.

**#12** On joint motion of the Council Chair, without objection and by unanimous consent, it was moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss SBPG v Urban Systems, 34<sup>th</sup> JDC No. 19-0298.

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 July, 2023.

On joint 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:

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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 July, 2023.

**#12** On motion of Ms. Callais, seconded by Mr. Luna, it was moved to accept the advice of legal counsel in the matter of SBPG v Urban Systems, 34<sup>th</sup> JDC No. 19-0298.

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 July, 2023.

There being no further business for discussion, the Council Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m. on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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

ROXANNE ADAMS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Richard "Richie"

RICHARD "RICHIE" LEWIS  
COUNCIL CHAIR