

## PUBLIC HEARING REPORT

JUNE 24, 2020  
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Parish Council held a Public Hearing on this date with Chairman Dean S. Adams presiding and the following members present: J Ina, Rodney Olander, Leslie “Les” Rulf, Jr., Mark A. Duhon, Gwendolyn L. Hidalgo, and Kristi Prejeant Rink, M.D. Absent were Rev. Craig A. Mathews, Scott Ramsey, Patrick J. Hebert, James W. Bennett, Jr., and Parish President David Hanagriff.

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to receive written and/or oral comments and to adopt the following ordinances:

An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendments). (Brenda Pitts)

An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendments). (June Ann Luke)

An Ordinance creating a No-Wake Zone on Bayou Teche within one thousand five hundred feet upstream of the Katy Bridge and providing penalty for the violation thereof.

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2216 adopted on April 22, 2020, by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, to provide for various terms of the creation of the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2A of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana authorized therein and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

There were no written or oral comments received regarding the proposed ordinances.

In response to Mr. Olander’s inquiry relative to an Ordinance creating a No-Wake Zone on Bayou Teche within one thousand five hundred feet upstream of the Katy Bridge, Mr. Ina stated that residents have safety concerns for boaters that do not slow down causing wakes to damage their property.

Jesse Breaux, Jr. appeared before the Council in favor of the Ordinance creating a No-Wake Zone on Bayou Teche within one thousand five hundred feet upstream of the Katy Bridge. He stated that he has been a resident of that area for 21 years and that high water events normally cause water to cover his property. He also stated that boats that do not slow down are also causing damage to his property.

In response to Mrs. Hidalgo’s inquiry, Mr. Breaux stated that there are several houses on Bayou Bank Lane that are affected by this.

In response to Mr. Adams’ inquiry, Mr. LaGrange stated that in high water events, the Parish President can declare a state of emergency and declare no wake zones in certain areas. He explained that this No-Wake Zone will not go all the way to the new Bayou Teche Flood Gate Structure; the one thousand five hundred feet distance covers all of the homes along Bayou Bank Lane.

There being no further business, Dr. Rink moved for adjournment. Mrs. Hidalgo seconded the motion, which carried.