

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL OF THE
PARISH OF ST. MARY, STATE OF LOUISIANA

NOVEMBER 10, 2021
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

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

The Invocation was pronounced by Mr. Ramsey and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Olander.

Mr. Olander moved that the reading of the minutes of the Second Regular Meeting, October 27, 2021 be dispensed with and that the same be approved. Mrs. Hidalgo seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Adams wished Baldwin resident, Mr. Henry Watson a Happy 102nd Birthday and also thanked him for his military service.

Mayor Lee Dragna, City of Morgan City, appeared before the Council to invite everyone to the Veteran’s Day Celebration that will be held on November 11, 2021 at the Morgan City Auditorium from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Glen Hidalgo appeared before the Council in opposition of the removal of the stop signs on Jupiter Street at the intersection of Jupiter Street and Columbus Street in Bayou Vista. He stated that this is located near elderly residents and is in a school zone with a bus stop. He stated that due to safety concerns, the residents in that area want the stop signs to remain.

Mr. Ramsey expounded on the duties of the Bayou Vista Streets and Civic Improvement Advisory Committee and stated that there are four (4) stop signs currently on Jupiter Street, two (2) are within 250 feet of each other. He also stated that the meeting notice was advertised in the Daily Review Newspaper and also posted it on social media, yet the residents near the intersection did not attend the meeting.

Mrs. Hidalgo stated that the residents that reside near the intersection of Jupiter Street and Columbus Street in Bayou Vista are elderly and that she attended the Bayou Vista Streets and Civic Improvement Advisory Committee meeting to represent them in opposition of removing the stop signs.

Parish President, David Hanagriff reported on the Chamber of Commerce luncheon he attended where John Chautin, representative of Congressman Clay Higgins, gave an update on issues in Washing D. C. He also thanked the Veterans for their service and wished everyone a Happy Veteran’s Day. He thanked the Council for a productive meeting to discuss the budget and is looking forward to working with them on the budget.

Chief Administrative Officer, Henry “Bo” LaGrange, presented his report for a two (2) week period ending November 10, 2021.

Item 2 in Mr. LaGrange’s report stated, “We have received written notice from Mayor Duval Arthur, Jr., Town of Berwick, providing its 30 day written notice to terminate its agreement for housing parish pre-trial detainees. Sorry that the Town cannot continue to assist the parish in this fashion.”

Per Mr. Duhon’s inquiry relative to the Amelia Pump Station project, Mr. LaGrange stated that while driving sheet piles, they hit an obstruction at a depth of 35 feet; therefore, the engineer and contractor are waiting for the additional sheet pilings to arrive in order to work around the obstruction. He also informed that there will be a change order due to delays caused by Hurricane Ida, hiring a new supervisor, and modifications to the west wing wall.

In response to Mr. Duhon's inquiry relative to the Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, Mr. LaGrange stated that there is a waterline that passes by the sump. Therefore, the contractor requested that all utilities be marked but Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 could not locate the line because it was very deep. They installed a valve on each side of the work site so that if the waterline was damaged or punctured, the valves could be turned off and isolate the damaged section in order to replace it.

Per Dr. Rink's inquiry, Mr. LaGrange stated that the sheet piling was not anticipated because this was an obstruction that could not be driven through.

In response to Mr. Duhon's inquiry relative to cross over pipes on the Amelia Project, Mr. LaGrange stated that the timeline was briefly discussed with the contractor and that installation of the sheet piling should not delay the installation of the cross over pipes.

In response to Rev. Mathews' inquiry relative to the depth of the pilings, Mr. LaGrange stated that he is not sure of the total depth but can find out.

Per Mr. Olander's inquiry relative to the Town of Berwick terminating the agreement to house Parish inmates, Mr. LaGrange stated that Parish inmates will not be housed at the Berwick Jail at all and they will continue to be housed at the Patterson Jail.

In response to Mr. Adams' inquiry relative to Fire Protection District No. 11 payroll, Mr. LaGrange stated that there was a glitch in the most recent payroll to transmit the ACH transfer to Fire Protection District No. 11 account that then transfers the various amounts into the individual employee bank accounts. He stated that First National Bank of Jeanerette was contacted immediately and changes were made the same day before 4:00 p.m. Chief Clark contacted Director of Finance, Paul Governale and stated that the funds were still not in his account by 4:20 p.m. Mr. LaGrange explained that once the transfer is complete to First National Bank of Jeanerette it is their responsibility to complete the transactions. Mr. LaGrange stated that a checks and balance system is in place to make sure it does not happen again.

Per Dr. Rink's inquiry relative to the cost of housing female inmates to other locations, Mr. LaGrange stated that Iberia Parish Jail will house 15 inmates at a rate of \$15.00 per day per inmate. The permanent solution will be to house the female inmates at the Parish Jail in the future.

Mr. Bennett reported that on October 2, 2021 he made a public record request to Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2 and Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2A, directed to Harry "Hanko" Hoffpauir, Sr., Gregory Aucoin, and Julana Senette that included time cards and time sheets for 2A employees, the bids and invoices on forklift purchased by 2A, copies of all invoices, and work orders, copies of all maintenance logs for all 2A pumping stations. Legal Counsel, Eric Duplantis informed him that they had three (3) days to respond to a records request, in which they replied to and stated the records would cost \$250.00. Mr. Bennett was told by Mr. Duplantis that the district should comply with the request in ten (10) days. Mr. Bennett stated that the Louisiana State Ethics Board and Attorney General have been contacted and explained that because the Parish governs these boards, a record request is not required. Mr. Bennett received a jump drive at the board meeting last night and will be reviewing it. He stated that any Council Member interested in reviewing the information allowed by the Ethics Board, please contact him.

Rev. Mathews introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO.

An ordinance proposing an amendment to Section 2-07 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish.

WHEREAS, Section 2-07 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish provides for the election and term of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

WHEREAS, the St. Mary Parish Council proposes to place on the ballot the following amendment to Section 2-07(F) of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish on the April 30, 2022 ballot.

Section 2-07. Council Meetings and Rules.

(F) At the first regular meeting of a newly elected council and annually thereafter, a chairman and vice-chairman shall be elected by the council from among the council members. The chairman shall preside at meetings of the council, and in the absence or disqualification of the chairman, the vice-chairman shall preside. In the absence or disqualification of both the chairman and vice-chairman, the council shall designate one of its other members as temporary presiding officer. The chairman, vice-chairman, and temporary presiding officer shall be voting members of the council. The chairman shall receive additional compensation of \$50.00 per month?

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Mary Parish Council, on behalf of the Parish of St. Mary Parish, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. The St. Mary Parish Council finds that the following amendment to Section 2-07(F) of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish be placed on the ballot on the April 30, 2022 ballot.

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SECTION 2. That this ordinance is hereby adopted in accordance with Section 2-11 and Section 7-03 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish and that said Charter amendment shall become effective only upon ratification by the electors of St. Mary Parish at an election to be held on April 30, 2022.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this the 10th day of November 2021; having been published in accordance with law.

Rev. Mathews moved that the following Ordinances be adopted. Mr. Olander seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Mathews, Olander, Ramsey, Rulf, Hebert, Bennett, Duhon, Rink, Hidalgo, and Adams

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ina

ORDINANCE NO. 2272

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).

WHEREAS, on March 12th, 2014, the St. Mary Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 1973 – St. Mary Parish Unified Development Code, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendments) provides a process for the official zoning district map to be amended, and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana:

SECTION I - That certain tract of land described in Exhibit “A” is hereby rezoned from the current zoning of Single Family Residential (SR) Zoned District to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoned District.

This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force upon publication in the official journal of the Parish.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this the 13th day of October 2021, having been published in accordance with law and having been heard in a public meeting in Franklin, Louisiana on the 10th day of November 2021 was adopted.

APPROVED:

**DEAN S. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

This ordinance was submitted to the President of St. Mary Parish on this the 15th day of November 2021, at the hour of 9:45 a.m.

APPROVED:

**DAVID HANAGRIFF, PRESIDENT
ST. MARY PARISH**

This ordinance was returned to the Clerk of the Council on this the 16th day of November 2021, at the hour of 11:54 a.m.

EXHIBIT “A”

**Name: Dafina Amador Aguilar
Address: 614 Lonely Oak Ln., Bayou Vista, LA 70380**

**Parcel Id# 2984301298.00 & #2984301297.00; Sec. 15 T16S R12E;
Parcel Id#2984301298.00, Lot Por No 26 Clarke Bayou Vista Subd Situated Sec 15 T16S R12E Acq 91 290611 Improvement on the land of Businelle Peter A Acq 91 290611,
Parcel Id#2984301297.00, Lot Por No 26 Clarke Bayou Vista Subd Situated Sec 26 T16S R12E Acq 91 290611.**

PURPOSE: to rezone from Single Family Residential (SR) Zoned District to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoned District, to allow for a small restaurant.

ORDINANCE NO. 2273

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).

WHEREAS, on March 12th, 2014, the St. Mary Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 1973 – St. Mary Parish Unified Development Code, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendments) provides a process for the official zoning district map to be amended, and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana:

SECTION I - That certain tract of land described in Exhibit "A" is hereby rezoned from the current zoning of Existing Neighborhood (EN3) Zoned District to Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District.

This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force upon publication in the official journal of the Parish.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this the 13th day of October 2021, having been published in accordance with law and having been heard in a public meeting in Franklin, Louisiana on the 10th day of November 2021 was adopted.

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EXHIBIT "A"

**Name: Katelyn Comeaux
Address: 1221 Hwy 182, Bayou Vista, La**

**Parcel Id# 2984301307.00; Sec. 15 T16S R12E;
Lot 20 Clarke Bayou Vista Subd. Acq. 417 337517
PURPOSE: to rezone from Existing Neighborhood (EN3) Zoned District to
Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District, to allow for a second home/modular structure.**

Mr. Ramsey moved that the following Ordinance be adopted. Mr. Duhon seconded the motion.

In response to Dr. Rink's inquiry, Mr. Ramsey stated that there is a four (4) way stop sign at Middle Road (behind Bayou Vista Elementary School) and Jupiter Street, a four (4) way stop sign at Delmar Avenue (in front of Bayou Vista Elementary School) and Jupiter Street, stop signs at Columbus Avenue and Jupiter Street, and stop signs at Belleview Street (at Si Senor Restaurant) and Jupiter Street.

Mr. Hebert stated that he received calls from citizens that reside in the area that want the stop signs to remain. He stated that a lot of the residents in this area are elderly and that he understands that the elderly do not like to get out at night to attend meetings.

Mr. Ramsey moved that Item 12C, "FOR ADOPTION - An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1787 providing for the removal of the stop signs on Jupiter Street at the intersection of Jupiter Street and Columbus Street in Bayou Vista, Louisiana," be adopted. Mr. Duhon seconded the motion, which failed by the following 1-9-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Ramsey

NAYS: Olander, Rulf, Hebert, Bennett, Duhon, Rink, Hidalgo, Adams, and Mathews

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ina

Mr. Olander moved that the following Resolutions be adopted. Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Olander, Ramsey, Rulf, Hebert, Bennett, Duhon, Rink, Hidalgo, Adams, and Mathews

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ina

RESOLUTION

Resolution approving and authorizing David Hanagriff, the President of St. Mary to execute a Tangible Property Donation Agreement relative to the Bayou Teche National Paddle Trail floating paddle trail access dock and gangway located at Schwan Park in Centerville.

BE IT RESOLVED, that David Hanagriff, President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute a Tangible Property Donation Agreement relative to the Bayou Teche National Paddle Trail floating paddle trail access dock and gangway located at Schwan Park in Centerville, with said Agreement to contain such terms, conditions, and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 10th day of November 2021.

APPROVED:

**DEAN S. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION

Resolution approving and authorizing David Hanagriff, the President of St. Mary to execute an agreement between QCHC of Louisiana, Inc. aka/Quality Medical Health Care and the City of Patterson relative to providing health services to parish inmates at the City of Patterson Jail.

BE IT RESOLVED, that David Hanagriff, President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute an agreement between QCHC of Louisiana, Inc. aka/Quality Medical Health Care and the City of Patterson relative to providing health services to parish inmates at the City of Patterson Jail, with said agreement to contain such terms, conditions, and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 10th day of November 2021.

APPROVED:

**DEAN S. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

In response to Mr. Bennett's inquiry, Mr. LaGrange explained that this is a no cost agreement that will relocate the nurse from the Morgan City Jail to the Patterson Jail.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Yancy Landry, Owner of V's Sports Bar located at 5073 Highway 87, Franklin, Louisiana requests a residency variance to obtain a 2022 Full Liquor Permit.

Mr. Olander moved to grant the residency variance to obtain a 2022 Full Liquor Permit to Yancy Landry, Owner of V's Sports Bar, LLC located at 5073 Hwy. 87 in Franklin, Louisiana. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion, which carried. Rev. Mathews abstained.

- B. Ali Ahmed, leasee of Choocha Investments, LLC (Convenient Store) located at 7716 Highway 182 Suite A., Franklin, Louisiana requests a residency variance to obtain a 2022 Full Liquor Permit.

In response to President Hanagriff's inquiry, Assistant Clerk of the Council, Roshonda Bourgeois stated that this location is the old Clausen's Store and that this is a renewal from last year. She stated that it is more than the required 300 feet from the church and the school.

Mr. Olander moved to grant the 2022 residency variance for Ali Ahmed, leasee of Choocha Investments, LLC (Convenient Store) located at 7716 Highway 182 Suite A., Franklin, Louisiana. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion, which carried. Rev. Mathews abstained.

- C. Ali Ahmed, leasee of Choocha Investments, LLC (Bar) located at 7716 Highway 182 Suite B., Franklin, Louisiana requests a residency variance to obtain a 2022 Full Liquor Permit.

Mr. Olander moved to grant the 2022 residency variance for Ali Ahmed, leasee of Choocha Investments, LLC (Bar) located at 7716 Highway 182 Suite B., Franklin, Louisiana. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion, which carried. Rev. Mathews abstained.

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

Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk

Dean S. Adams, Chairman