

## PUBLIC HEARING REPORT

FEBRUARY 23, 2022  
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

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

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

An Ordinance of the St. Mary Parish Council condemning the improvements consisting of the Plantation Inn hotel, situated at 815 Highway 90, Parcel ID No. 298428104500-2984281004.00, as a result of same being in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare and ordering the demolition and removal of said improvements by the owner thereof in not less than sixty days from the effective date of this ordinance.

An Ordinance establishing a protocol prior to introducing an Ordinance regarding traffic control devices.

There were no written and/or verbal comments received regarding the proposed ordinances.

In response to several Council Members inquiries, Chief Administrative Officer, Henry “Bo” LaGrange, informed that the Plantation Inn hotel, situated at 815 Highway 90, Parcel ID No. 298428104500-2984281004.00, this property has been sold and that the new owner will secure the site in preparation of renovation and repair. He also informed that the owner will submit a list of proposed scheduled repairs and asked the Council to consider tabling the ordinance.

Per Mr. Adams’ inquiry relative to tabling this ordinance and the time renovation is started, Dr. Rink stated that it will follow parliamentary procedure.

In response to Mr. Duhon’s inquiry, Mr. LaGrange stated that the new owner is Eastin Properties, LLC, sole owner is Thomas Eastin, Jr. from Columbia Tennessee. He also stated that Mr. Eastin has met with Planning & Zoning Director, Tammy Luke to discuss plans of renovation and that he also plans to move to St. Mary Parish to oversee the project.

Parish President, David Hanagriff expounded on reasons to not condemn the structure and benefits of placing it back into commerce.

Kenneth Kinslow, District Supervisor for Fire District No. 7 and the Captain of Bayou Vista Fire Department, appeared before the Council to say that he would like the new owner to reach out to the Fire Department to keep in touch with the progress.

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

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Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk

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Kristi P. Rink, M.D., Chairperson