

OCTOBER 5, 2011

NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA

IBERIA PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council of Iberia Parish, Louisiana met in Regular Session in the Parish Council Chambers, Main Courthouse Building, New Iberia, Louisiana, on Wednesday, October 5, 2011.

The following members were recorded PRESENT:

Maggie F. Daniels, Thomas J. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, John Berard, Barry Verret, Glenn Romero, Roger Duncan, Jerome Fitch, and Aquicline Rener-Arnold.

ABSENT: Curtis Boudoin, M. Larry Richard, and Naray Hulin.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ernest Freyou, Parish President
Sally Angers, Chief Administrative Officer
Eric Duplantis, Legal Counsel

The Parish Council of the Parish of Iberia, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the Governing Authority of the Parish of Iberia by Mr. Roger Duncan, its Chairman, who announced that the Council was now ready to conduct its business.

A motion was made by Ms. Maggie F. Daniels, seconded by Mr. Barry Verret, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 24, 2011 approve said minutes as published on September 23, 2011.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Maggie F. Daniels, Thomas J. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, John Berard, Barry Verret, Glenn Romero, Roger Duncan, Jerome Fitch, and Aquicline Rener-Arnold.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Curtis Boudoin, M. Larry Richard. and Naray Hulin.

And the motion was declared adopted this 5th day of October, 2011.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

1. Representatives of Envision daBERRY were scheduled to address the Council regarding upcoming Community Events; however, no representative was present at this time. Chairman Duncan stated we would revisit this item when representatives entered the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mr. Bernard E. Broussard reminded the Council of the upcoming Finance Committee meetings to be held on the Mondays in October and that all meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. instead of at 6:00 p.m.
2. Mr. Jerome W. Fitch requested that the Administration present information gathered regarding the Parish's recycling options at an upcoming meeting. Parish President Ernest Freyou stated that they will be meeting with IESI and will make a presentation in the near future.

Mr. Lloyd Brown requested that this information include options involving estimated costs for the recycling program to be operated through the Public Works Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Bernard E. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Maggie F. Daniels, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby recess its Regular Session and convene as a Public Hearing to obtain public comments regarding Resolutions being considered for final adoption.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Maggie F. Daniels, Thomas J. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, John Berard, Barry Verret, Glenn Romero, Roger Duncan, Jerome Fitch, and Aquicline Rener-Arnold.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Curtis Boudoin, M. Larry Richard. and Naray Hulin.

And the motion was declared adopted this 5th day of October, 2011.

Upon hearing no comments, a motion was made by Mr. Lloyd Brown, seconded by Mr. Barry Verret, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby adjourn its Public Hearing and reconvene into Regular Session.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Maggie F. Daniels, Thomas J. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, John Berard, Barry Verret, Glenn Romero, Roger Duncan, Jerome Fitch, and Aquicline Rener-Arnold.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Curtis Boudoin, M. Larry Richard. and Naray Hulin.

And the motion was declared adopted this 5th day of October, 2011.

Chairman Roger Duncan requested that the Council move to Standing Committee Item #2011-10-A, which is an Ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article II of the Iberia Parish Compiled Ordinances, entitled Flood Damage Prevention, to reflect updated regulations and requirements mandated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the National Flood Insurance Program and further adopting the updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps as presented by FEMA.

Ms. Carmen Judice, Certified Floodplain Manager, pointed out that this amendment included four main changes, namely, (1) definitions, (2) inclusion of a one foot freeboard, which will result in savings to citizens, (3) allowance for cumulative damages, and (4) the inclusion of recreation vehicles and mobile homes.

Upon questioning, Ms. Judice stated that the municipalities of Jeanerette, Loreauville, and New Iberia had also adopted the one foot freeboard.

A motion was made by Ms. Maggie F. Daniels, seconded by Mr. Thomas J. Landry, that this item be forwarded to the next meeting of October 12, 2011.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Maggie F. Daniels, Thomas J. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, John Berard, Barry Verret, Glenn Romero, Roger Duncan, Jerome Fitch, and Aquicline Rener-Arnold.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Curtis Boudoin, M. Larry Richard, and Naray Hulin.

And the motion was declared adopted this 5th day of October, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Bernard E. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Barry Verret, that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-257

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING TO OBTAIN PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2012 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGETS, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5-04 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, WHICH HEARING SHALL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M., DURING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

WHEREAS, Section 5-04 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter requires that the Iberia Parish Council hold a public hearing prior to the adoption of the proposed annual operating and capital improvements budgets in order to obtain public comments regarding said proposed budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby order and call a Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in order to obtain public comments regarding the proposed operating and capital improvements budgets for fiscal year 2012.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Maggie F. Daniels, Thomas J. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, John Berard, Barry Verret, Glenn Romero, Roger Duncan, Jerome W. Fitch, and Aquicline Renner-Arnold.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Curtis Boudoin, M. Larry Richard, and Naray Hulin.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of October, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Barry Verret, seconded by Mr. Glenn Romero, that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-258

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MR. JAMES RICHARD AS A MEMBER OF THE IBERIA PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

WHEREAS, Mr. James Richard has tendered his resignation as a member of the Iberia Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 Board, effective immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby accept the resignation of Mr. James Richard as a member of the Iberia Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby extend its sincere appreciation to Mr. Richard for his service in this capacity.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Maggie F. Daniels, Thomas J. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, John Berard, Barry Verret, Glenn Romero, Roger Duncan, Jerome W. Fitch, and Aquicline Rener-Arnold.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Curtis Boudoin, M. Larry Richard, and Naray Hulin.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of October, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. John Berard, seconded by Ms. Maggie F. Daniels, that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-259

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MR. DAVID PEREZ AS A MEMBER OF THE IBERIA PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

WHEREAS, Mr. David Perez has tendered his resignation as a member of the Iberia Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 Board, effective immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby accept the resignation of Mr. David Perez as a member of the Iberia Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby extend its sincere appreciation to Mr. Perez for his service in this capacity.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Maggie F. Daniels, Thomas J. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, John Berard, Barry Verret, Glenn Romero, Roger Duncan, Jerome W. Fitch, and Aquicline Rener-Arnold.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Curtis Boudoin, M. Larry Richard, and Naray Hulin.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of October, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Lloyd Brown, unanimously seconded by Meses. Maggie F. Daniels and Aquicline Rener-Arnold, and Messrs. Thomas J. Landry, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, John Berard, Barry Verret, Glenn Romero, Roger Duncan, and Jerome W. Fitch, that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-260

A RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS AND RECOGNITION TO MS. KRISTIE BLANCHARD AND MS. FRANKIE RIDEAUX, EMPLOYEES OF THE IBERIA PARISH REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, ON RECEIPT OF DESIGNATION AS CERTIFIED ELECTIONS/REGISTRATION ADMINISTRATORS BY THE ELECTION CENTER'S PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, employees of the Iberia Parish Registrar of Voters Office have received the highest professional achievement by The Election Center and are designated as Certified Elections/Registration Administrators (CERA); and

WHEREAS, the CERA designation is achieved only through a multi-year course study conducted by The Election Center's Professional Education Program and completion of 12-core courses taught by the Master's in Public Administration faculty of Auburn University ranging from ethics, to voter registration and elections, planning communications and voter participation; and

WHEREAS, obtaining and maintaining CERA status means that they have committed to a career long process of continuing education to improve the electoral process in Louisiana and in the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby extend its sincere congratulations and recognition of Ms. Kristie Blanchard and Ms. Frankie Rideaux, employees of the Iberia Parish Registrar of Voters Office, on receipt of the designation as Certified Elections/Registration Administrators by The Election Center's Professional Education Program.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Maggie F. Daniels, Thomas J. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, John Berard, Barry Verret, Glenn Romero, Roger Duncan, Jerome W. Fitch, and Aquicline Rener-Arnold.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Curtis Boudoin, M. Larry Richard, and Naray Hulin.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of October, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Troy Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Lloyd Brown, that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-261

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY OF NEW IBERIA TO CONSIDER WORKING WITH IBERIA PARISH GOVERNMENT TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO CLOSE IN A ROADSIDE DITCH ALONG DELASALLE ROAD.

WHEREAS, DeLasalle Road is located near the Catholic High School campus and through the City of New Iberia limits and continues as Parish Road No. 669 in the rural areas of Iberia Parish; and

WHEREAS, an open ditch runs along a portion of DeLasalle Road and creates a hazardous condition for the large volume of traffic traveling on this road; and

WHEREAS, the closing in of this ditch by both the City of New Iberia and the Iberia Parish Government would provide a safer environment for all traffic utilizing this road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby request the City of New Iberia to consider working with Iberia Parish Government to make improvements to close in a roadside ditch along DeLasalle Road.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Maggie F. Daniels, Thomas J. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, John Berard, Barry Verret, Glenn Romero, Roger Duncan, Jerome W. Fitch, and Aquicline Rener-Arnold.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Curtis Boudoin, M. Larry Richard, and Naray Hulin.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of October, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Troy Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Thomas J. Landry, that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-262

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NEW IBERIA, TO AUTHORIZE THAT THE PARISH AND THE CITY WILL SHARE THE COST OF UTILITIES AT THE LA. PEPPERPLEX ON A 50%-50% BASIS, ESTIMATED TO BE \$20,000 FOR EACH GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, the Iberia Parish Government has entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of New Iberia and the Iberia Sports Complex Commission, Inc. for the use of City-owned property for the construction and operation of a recreation complex, which is currently known as the PepperPlex; and

WHEREAS, said Intergovernmental Agreement has been amended for various items since its original execution; and

WHEREAS, approximately half of the youth participating in activities at the PepperPlex are from the City of New Iberia, with the remaining half being from the rural areas of Iberia Parish; and

WHEREAS, it is being proposed that the City of New Iberia and the Iberia Parish Government will share the cost of utilities to operate the PepperPlex on a 50%-50% basis, which estimated cost will be approximately \$20,000 per year for each governmental body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby authorize the execution of an amendment Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of New Iberia and the Iberia Sports Complex Commission to authorize that the Parish and the City will share the cost of utilities at the PepperPlex on a 50%-50% basis, which estimated cost will be approximately \$20,000 per year for each governmental body.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Maggie F. Daniels, Thomas J. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, John Berard, Barry Verret, Glenn Romero, Roger Duncan, Jerome W. Fitch, and Aquicline Renner-Arnold.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Curtis Boudoin, M. Larry Richard, and Naray Hulin.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of October, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Glenn Romero, seconded by Mr. John Berard, that Summary No. 263, which is a Resolution amending the 2011 Road Construction Project Fund to include additional funding (in an amount to be determined) for Ed Broussard Road, to change proposed improvements from overlay to reconstruction and further to include the three-laning of said street, from the railroad tracks to the end of the Loreauville Park, in order to accommodate additional traffic generated near Loreauville High School, be tabled at this time.

This motion to table, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Maggie F. Daniels, Thomas J. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, John Berard, Barry Verret, Glenn Romero, Roger Duncan, Jerome W. Fitch, and Aquicline Rener-Arnold.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Curtis Boudoin, M. Larry Richard, and Naray Hulin.

And the motion to table was declared adopted this 5th day of October, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Barry Verret, seconded by Mr. John Berard, that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-264

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM THE STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY PROGRAM FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING AT U.S. 90 AT ITS INTERSECTIONS WITH LA. 675 (JEFFERSON ISLAND ROAD), LA. 14 (CENTER STREET), AND LEWIS STREET, WHICH PROJECT IS TO BE SHARED BY THE CITY OF NEW IBERIA AND THE PORT OF IBERIA DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the City of New Iberia is centrally located in Iberia Parish between Lafayette and Morgan City with a population of 30,617 citizens; and

WHEREAS, main entrances into the City of New Iberia from U.S. 90 are via La. 675 (Jefferson Island Road), La. 14 (Center Street) and Lewis Street; and

WHEREAS, while La. 675 (Jefferson Island Road) and La. 14 (Center Street) access the City of New Iberia at its west side and centrally, respectively, Lewis Street accesses the City at its east side and also provides access to the Port of Iberia District; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Iberia District encompasses a 2,000 acre industrial and manufacturing site surrounding a man-made port complex, which accesses the Gulf Intra-coastal Waterway and the Gulf of Mexico through its own Commercial Canal and has access to the Mississippi River through major ports in Baton Rouge and New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, the interchanges have enhanced the flow of traffic as these entrances are heavily traveled on a daily basis, with industrial-type traffic generated on a 24 hour basis at the Lewis Street access; and

WHEREAS, lighting at these interchanges would further enhance traffic safety in these areas due to the flow of heavy traffic associated with these interchanges; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Iberia, the Port of Iberia, and Iberia Parish Government wish to submit a joint application for grant funding through State Capital Outlay Program the purpose of installing lighting at the aforementioned interchanges on U.S. 90.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby authorize the submission of an application for grant funding from the State Capital Outlay Program for the installation of street lighting at U.S. 90 at its intersections with La. 675 (Jefferson Island Road), La. 14 (Center Street), and Lewis Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the Resolution shall be forwarded to the City of New Iberia, the Port of Iberia District, and the Iberia Parish Legislative Delegation for their support and consideration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Government Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said application

and to submit same on behalf of the City of New Iberia and the Port of Iberia.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Maggie F. Daniels, Thomas J. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, John Berard, Barry Verret, Glenn Romero, Roger Duncan, Jerome W. Fitch, and Aquicline Rener-Arnold.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Curtis Boudoin, M. Larry Richard, and Naray Hulin.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of October, 2011.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCED FOR PUBLICATION:

None.

A motion was made by Mr. John Berard, seconded by Mr. Barry Verret, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby adjourn.

The motion carried.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:

Clerk of the Council