

MARCH 13, 2013

NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA

IBERIA PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council of Iberia Parish, Louisiana met in Special Session in the Parish Council Chambers, Main Courthouse Building, New Iberia, Louisiana, on Wednesday, March 13, 2013.

The following members were recorded PRESENT:

Maggie F. Daniels, Thomas J. Landry, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, David Ditch, Ricky J. Gonsoulin, Glenn Romero, Roger Duncan, Jerome W. Fitch, Aquicline Rener-Arnold, Marty Trahan, and D. Wayne Romero.

ABSENT: Curtis Boudoin and Lloyd Brown.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Errol 'Romo' Romero, Parish President  
Dean Wattigny, Asst. District Attorney  
Mike Gillard, Human Resources Director  
Pat Kahn, Human Resources Specialist

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.

March 8, 2013

MEMO: Iberia Parish Council

SUBJECT: Notice of Special Meeting

Please be advised that there will be a Special Meeting of the Iberia Parish Council on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at Five-thirty O'Clock (5:30) P.M. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Main Courthouse Building.

Please mark your calendars accordingly and make every effort to attend.

BY DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN  
/s/ Diane  
Diane B. Phillips, CPS  
Clerk of the Council

cc: Parish President  
Department Heads  
News Media

A motion was made by Mr. Jerome W. Fitch, seconded by Mr. Ricky J. Gonsoulin, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby recess its Special Session and convene as a Public Hearing to obtain public comments regarding Ordinances and Resolutions being considered for final adoption.

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

YEAS: Thomas J. Landry, Troy Comeaux, David Ditch, Ricky J. Gonsoulin, Roger Duncan, Jerome W. Fitch, Aquicline Rener-Arnold, Marty Trahan, and D. Wayne Romero.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Curtis Boudoin and Lloyd Brown.

ABSENT AT VOTING: Maggie F. Daniels, Bernard E. Broussard, and Glenn Romero.

And the motion was declared adopted this 13th day of March, 2013.

Upon hearing no comments during the public hearing, the Chairman requested a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and to reconvene into Special Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Jerome W. Fitch, seconded by Mr. Thomas J. Landry, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby adjourn its Public Hearing and reconvene into Special Session.

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

YEAS: Thomas J. Landry, Troy Comeaux, David Ditch, Ricky J. Gonsoulin, Roger Duncan, Jerome W. Fitch, Aquicline Rener-Arnold, Marty Trahan, and D. Wayne Romero.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Curtis Boudoin and Lloyd Brown.

ABSENT AT VOTING: Maggie F. Daniels, Bernard E. Broussard, and Glenn Romero.

And the motion was declared adopted this 13th day of March, 2013.

Director of Human Resources Mike Gillard addressed the Council to explain that there will be a 34.5% increase in group health insurance premiums for Parish employees beginning April 1, 2013. He also stated that it is the Parish President's recommendation that Iberia Parish Government fund the entire increase using Fund Balance - Previous Years to pay the additional cost for 2013.

Comments were made by Mr. William Quinlan, representing Regions Insurance. Mr. Quinlan presented information on the current premium versus the new premium, beginning with the 88% Parish - 12% Employee rate to 83%-17% rate.

Several Council members questioned whether the Fund Balance - Previous Years of all Parish Government funds with employee costs have sufficient funds to be used to cover the additional insurance increase. The current fund balance information is not yet available.

During the discussion regarding this item, Parish President Errol "Romo" Romero stated that he "would not object" to the restructuring of Iberia Parish Government so that the Council could operate the Finance Department.

Directors with Boards and Commissions were in attendance and were requested to meet with the Boards to determine their recommendation regarding the increase and potential funding sources within the 2013 budgets.

A motion was made by Mr. Jerome W. Fitch, seconded by Mr. Glenn Romero, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby defer action regarding Resolution Summary No. 118, which is a resolution taking action regarding renewal of group health insurance policy for the employees of Iberia Parish Government until a special meeting to be held on Monday, March 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

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

YEAS: Maggie F. Daniels, Thomas J. Landry, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, David Ditch, Ricky J. Gonsoulin, Glenn Romero, Roger Duncan, Jerome W. Fitch, Aquicline Rener-Arnold, Marty Trahan and D. Wayne Romero.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Curtis Boudoin and Lloyd Brown.

And the motion to defer was declared adopted this 13th day of March, 2013.

A motion was made by Mr. Jerome W. Fitch, seconded by Mr. Marty Trahan, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby adjourn.

The motion carried.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:

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Clerk of the Council