

**LAFOURCHE PARISH HOME RULE
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
BARRIOS CENTER
RACELAND, LOUISIANA**

The Charter Revision Commission assembled at its regular meeting place, Barrios Center, 1612 HWY. 182, Suite 100, Raceland, Louisiana, on June 15, 2004 at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Danny Mayet at 6:30 P.M.

A prayer was given by Sharleen Hotard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Danny Mayet.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Ms. Mary Kitchen
Ms. Sharleen Hotard
Ms. Elizabeth Breaux
Mr. Charles Beasley
Mr. O.E. Monnier
Mr. Danny Mayet
Mr. Henry Lafont, Jr. (Absent)
Mr. John Plaisance (Absent)
Mr. Joseph "Joe" Mickles
Judge Walter I. Lanier, Jr.
Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta (Absent)

A motion was made by Judge Walter Lanier, Jr., seconded by Joseph Mickles, to accept the minutes of June 1, 2004, as presented. Without any objections, the motion was adopted.

Judge Walter Lanier Jr. introduced Mr. Hamilton Dantin who was the Chairman of the Powers and Functions' Committee for Lafourche Parish's first Home Rule Charter Commission.

Also in attendance were Mr. Gene Griffin, Mr. Cecil Watts, and Mr. Kirk Cheramie.

Judge Walter Lanier Jr. motioned and Joseph Mickles seconded that in Article VI, Finance, Section 1, The Annual Budget, Paragraph C (3), The Operating Budget, the second sentence be deleted.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	Yes
Sharleen Hotard	No
Elizabeth Breaux	Yes
Charles Beasley	Yes
O.E. Monnier, Jr.	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes
Henry Lafont, Jr.	(Absent)
John Plaisance	(Absent)
Joseph "Joe" Mickles	Yes
Judge Walter Lanier, Jr.	Yes
Joseph "Joe" Fertitta	(Absent)

A motion by Judge Walter Lanier Jr., seconded by Joseph Mickles, that in Article VI, Finance, Section 1, The Annual Budget, Paragraph C (2), The Operating Budget, on the fifth line from the bottom in paragraph 2, delete the word "government" in the second line from the bottom of part 2, add the word "branch" in front of expense, and on the twelfth line down from the start of paragraph 2, place the word "any" between "by agency," and add the word "funds" after agency. Without any objection, the motion was adopted.

A motion by Joseph Mickles, seconded by Charles Beasley, that Article VI, Finance, Section 1, The Annual Budget, Paragraph C, The Operating Budget, be adopted as amended.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	Yes
Sharleen Hotard	Yes
Elizabeth Breaux	Yes
Charles Beasley	Yes
O.E. Monnier, Jr.	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes
Henry Lafont, Jr.	(Absent)
John Plaisance	(Absent)
Joseph "Joe" Mickles	Yes
Judge Walter Lanier, Jr.	Yes
Joseph "Joe" Fertitta	(Absent)

A motion made by Charles Beasley and seconded by Judge Walter Lanier, Jr. that the definition in Article VI, Finance, Section 2, Administration Of The Budgets, Paragraph D, Contracts For Professional Services, Subparagraph 1, Definition, be accepted. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

Charles Beasley motioned and Sharleen Hotard seconded that Article VI, Finance, Section 2, Administration Of The Budgets, Paragraph D, Contracts For Professional Services Subparagraph 2, Employment Contract, be accepted. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

A motion by Charles Beasley, seconded by Elizabeth Breaux, that Article VI, Finance, Section 2, Administration Of The Budgets, Paragraph D, Contracts For Professional Services, Subparagraph 3, Term Of Employment Contract, be deferred until the next meeting. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

Judge Walter Lanier Jr. proposed Paragraph E, Disbursement Of Parish Funds, as an amendment to Article VI, Finance, Section 2, Administration Of The Budgets.

A motion by Joseph Mickles, seconded by Butch Monnier, that Article VI, Finance, Section 2, Administration Of The Budget, Paragraph E, Disbursement Of Parish Funds, be accepted as amended with the following changes being added between the word President at the end of the first sentence and the word facsimile at the beginning of the third sentence: "and counter signature of 1 of 3 of his/her designees who shall have positions in the executive branch. The designees shall be approved by a resolution of the Council."

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	Yes
Sharleen Hotard	No
Elizabeth Breaux	No
Charles Beasley	Yes
O.E. Monnier, Jr.	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes
Henry Lafont, Jr.	(Absent)
John Plaisance	(Absent)
Joseph "Joe" Mickles	Yes
Judge Walter Lanier, Jr.	Yes
Joseph "Joe" Fertitta	(Absent)

A motion by Elizabeth Breaux, seconded by Charles Beasley, that Article VI, Finance, Section 3, Amendment Of A Budget After Adoption, Paragraph A, Supplemental Appropriations, be accepted as amended with a comma being placed before and after the phrase “or fund balance” which was placed between the words “estimate in the budget” and “he/she.” Without objection, the motion was adopted.

A motion by Charles Beasley, seconded by Sharleen Hotard, to add “in writing after the word “certifies” in the first sentence of Article VI, Finance, Section 3, Amendment Of A Budget After Adoption, Paragraph A, Supplemental Appropriations.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	Yes
Sharleen Hotard	Yes
Elizabeth Breaux	Yes
Charles Beasley	Yes
O.E. Monnier, Jr.	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes
Henry Lafont, Jr.	(Absent)
John Plaisance	(Absent)
Joseph “Joe” Mickles	No
Judge Walter Lanier, Jr.	Yes
Joseph “Joe” Fertitta	(Absent)

A motion by Elizabeth Breaux, seconded by Sharleen Hotard, that in Article VI, Finance, Section 3, Amendment Of A Budget After Adoption, Paragraph A, Supplemental Appropriates, replace the word “make” in sentence three with the word “approve.” Without objection, the motion was adopted.

A motion by Elizabeth Breaux, seconded by Charles Beasley, to accept Article VI, Finance, Section 3, Amendment Of A Budget After Adoption, Paragraph A, Supplemental Appropriations, as amended above. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

A motion by Elizabeth Breaux, seconded by Sharleen Hotard, that Article VI, Finance, Section 3, Amendment of A Budget After Adoption, Paragraph B, Emergency Appropriations, be adopted as written. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

A motion by Elizabeth Breaux, seconded by Charles Beasley, to reconsider Article VI, Finance, Section 3, Amendment Of A Budget After Adoption, Paragraph B, Emergency Appropriations, for further discussion. Without objection, the motion was adopted. After discussion, action on this provision was deferred until the Commission’s next meeting.

Judge Walter Lanier Jr. made a motion seconded by Elizabeth Breaux to accept Article VI, Finance, Section 3, Amendment Of A Budget After Adoption, Paragraph C, Reduction Of Appropriation, be adopted as presented. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

A motion by Sharleen Hotard, seconded by Charles Beasley, that in line four of Article VI, Section 3, Paragraph, D, be accepted as amended with the word “authorized” placed after the word “may” and the words “approve by ordinance” placed after the word “transfer.”

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	No
Sharleen Hotard	Yes
Elizabeth Breaux	No
Charles Beasley	Yes
O.E. Monnier, Jr.	No

Danny Mayet	No
Henry Lafont, Jr.	(Absent)
John Plaisance	(Absent)
Joseph “Joe” Mickles	No
Judge Walter Lanier, Jr.	No
Joseph “Joe” Fertitta	(Absent)

With a vote of 2 yeas, 6 nays, and 3 absences, the motion failed.

A motion by Elizabeth Breaux, seconded by Judge Walter Lanier, Jr., that Article VI, Finance, Section 3, Amendment Of A budget After Adoption, Paragraph D, Transfer Of Appropriations, be accepted as amended with the word “authorized” placed after the word “may” and the words “by resolution” placed after the word “transfer.”

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	Yes
Sharleen Hotard	No
Elizabeth Breaux	Yes
Charles Beasley	Yes
O.E. Monnier, Jr.	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes
Henry Lafont, Jr.	(Absent)
John Plaisance	(Absent)
Joseph “Joe” Mickles	Yes
Judge Walter Lanier, Jr.	Yes
Joseph “Joe” Fertitta	(Absent)

A motion by Judge Walter Lanier, Jr., seconded by Elizabeth Breaux, that Article VI, Section 3, Paragraph D, Transfer Of Appropriations, be adopted.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	Yes
Sharleen Hotard	Yes
Elizabeth Breaux	Yes
Charles Beasley	Yes
O.E. Monnier, Jr.	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes
Henry Lafont, Jr.	(Absent)
John Plaisance	(Absent)
Joseph “Joe” Mickles	Yes
Judge Walter Lanier, Jr.	Yes
Joseph “Joe” Fertitta	(Absent)

A motion by Elizabeth Breaux, seconded by Joseph Mickles, that Article VI, Finance, Section 3, Amendment Of A Budget After Adoption, Paragraph D Transfer Of Appropriations, be accepted as amended with “agency, funds or” placed before the word “department” in line three and with the words “agency, funds or” placed before the word “department” in line five. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

A motion by Judge Walter Lanier, Jr., seconded by Joseph Mickles, to accept Article VI, Finance, Section 3, Amendment Of A budget After Adoption, Paragraph E, Effective Date Of Amendment, as amended with the words “or transfer” having been deleted. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

A motion by Elizabeth Breaux, seconded by Sharleen Hotard, to accept Article VI, Finance, Section 3, Amendment Of A Budget After Adoption, Paragraph F, Limitation On Amendment, as amended with the word “may” in line one and line two being replaced by the word “shall” and the word “any” replaced with “the.” Without objection, the motion was adopted.

A motion by Charles Beasley, seconded by Sharleen Hotard, to accept all of Article VI, Section 3 except for Paragraph B as amended above.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	Yes
Sharleen Hotard	Yes
Elizabeth Breaux	Yes
Charles Beasley	Yes
O.E. Monnier, Jr.	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes
Henry Lafont, Jr.	(Absent)
John Plaisance	(Absent)
Joseph “Joe” Mickles	Yes
Judge Walter Lanier, Jr.	Yes
Joseph “Joe” Fertitta	(Absent)

Judge Walter Lanier, Jr. moved and Elizabeth Breaux seconded to adopt Article VI, Finance, Section 4, Lapse Of Appropriations, as it was written. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

Elizabeth Breaux moved and Judge Walter Lanier, Jr. seconded that in Article VI, Finance, Section 7, Annual Audit, add the words “and approved by the legislator auditor” after the word “Council”. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

Judge Walter Lanier Jr. read La. R.S. 39:1302 and 39:1308 to the Commissioners.

Sharleen Hotard moved and Elizabeth Breaux seconded that in Article VI, Section 7, to place a “period” behind offices in line three and capitalize the “P” in the word political to start a new sentence which reads as follows: “Political subdivisions of the Parish shall submit their audit report within 6 months from the end of fiscal year.” Without objection, the motion was adopted.

Elizabeth Breaux moved and Charles Beasley seconded to accept all of Article VI, Sections 5-9, as amended. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

Judge Walter Lanier moved and Elizabeth Breaux seconded to adopt Article VI, Finance, with two exceptions.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	Yes
Sharleen Hotard	Yes
Elizabeth Breaux	Yes
Charles Beasley	Yes
O.E. Monnier, Jr.	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes
Henry Lafont, Jr.	(Absent)
John Plaisance	(Absent)
Joseph “Joe” Mickles	Yes
Judge Walter Lanier, Jr.	Yes
Joseph “Joe” Fertitta	(Absent)

Article VII, VIII, IX and X will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on June 23, 2004, at 6:30 P.M.

On motion by Sharleen Hotard and seconded by Elizabeth Breaux, the meeting was adjourned without any objections at 9:25 P.M.

MARY R. KITCHEN, SECRETARY

JOHN J. PLAISANCE, II, CHAIRMAN