

**LAFOURCHE PARISH HOME RULE  
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION  
GREATER PORT COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
GALLIANO, LOUISIANA**

The Charter Revision Commission assembled at the Greater Lafourche Port Commission Administration Building, 16829 E. Main Street, Galliano, Louisiana, on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Plaisance at 6:30 P.M.

A prayer was given by John Plaisance, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Joseph Fertitta.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

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

Charles Beasley motioned and Elizabeth Breaux seconded to accept the minutes of the June 23, 2004 and June 29, 2004 meetings. Without objection, the motion passed.

A motion by Judge Walter Lanier, Jr., seconded by Joseph Mickles, to delete the history from the Home Rule Charter. Without any objections, the motion passed.

A motion by Sharleen Hotard, seconded by Elizabeth Breaux, to accept the Preamble, Article I, Establishment Of Home Rule and Article II, Powers And Functions, as written. Without objection, the motion passed.

Elizabeth Breaux motioned and Henry Lafont, Jr. seconded to replace "Council member" with "to the same office" in line five of Article III, Organization, Structure And Distribution Of Powers And Functions, Section 2, The Legislative Branch, Paragraph G, Term Of Office. Without any objections, the motion passed.

A motion by Henry Lafont, Jr., seconded by Elizabeth Breaux, to move "by resolution" and place it last at the end of sentence one in Article III, Organization, Structure And Distribution Of Powers And Functions, Section 2, The Legislative Branch, Paragraphs J1 and. J2., and in J3, place it after "employees." Without objection, the motion passed.

Joseph Fertitta motioned and Sharleen Hotard seconded to delete "unless they have been designated classified employees by ordinance" in Article III, Organization, Structure And Distribution Of Powers And Functions, Section 2, The Legislative Branch, Paragraph J4.

Roll Call Vote

Ms. Mary Kitchen	(Absent)
Ms. Sharleen Hotard	Yes
Ms. Elizabeth Breaux	No
Mr. Charles Beasley	Yes
Mr. O.E. Monnier	(Absent)
Mr. Danny Mayet	Yes

Mr. Henry Lafont, Jr.	Yes
Mr. John Plaisance	Yes
Mr. Joseph “Joe” Mickles	Yes
Judge Walter I. Lanier, Jr.	No
Mr. Joseph “Joe” Fertitta	Yes

With a vote of 2 absences, 2 Nays, and 7 yeas, the motion passed.

A motion by Joseph Fertitta, seconded by Danny Mayet, to open the Public Hearing. Without objection, the motion passed and at 7:10 P.M. Chairman John Plaisance declared the Public Hearing open.

Councilman Daniel Lorraine discussed the effective dates of salaries, limited term options done district by district and contracts approved by the Lafourche Parish Council.

Finance Director, Shannon Chiasson, discussed the ninety day time limit to submit the budget and the differences between fiscal auditor and internal auditor.

Mr. Brennen Matherne discussed term limits and salary increases.

Councilman Brent Callais discussed salaries, term limits, contracts, capital outlay projects and the idea of the Parish Administrator who lives outside the Parish and fills the Parish President’s place.

Parish President, Charlotte Randolph, discussed contracts and checks and balances.

Mr. Carl Chauvin discussed contracts.

Mr. Donovan Toups was recognized and spoke at the meeting.

Mr. George Randolph discussed putting the salary for the Parish President on the ballot as an option and moving it from behind term limits.

A motion by Joseph Fertitta, seconded by Sharleen Hotard, to close the Public Hearing. Without objection, the motion passed and at 8:50 P.M. Chairman John Plaisance declared the Public Hearing closed.

Danny Mayet motioned and Sharleen Hotard seconded to go back to Article III, Organization, Structure And Distribution Of Powers And Functions. Without any objections, the motion passed.

A motion by Danny Mayet, seconded by Sharleen Hotard, to replace “Fiscal Officer” with “Internal Auditor” in the title of Article III, Organization, Structure And Distribution Of Powers And Functions, Section 2, The Legislative Branch, Paragraph J2.

Roll Call Vote

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

A motion by Danny Mayet, seconded by Sharleen Hotard, to accept Article III, Organization, Structure And Distribution Of Powers And Functions, Section 1, Separation Of Powers And Functions, and Section 2, The Legislative Branch, as corrected in the meeting. Without objection, the motion passed.

Judge Walter Lanier motioned and Elizabeth Breaux seconded to add Article VI, Finance, Section 2, Administration Of The Budgets, Paragraph B3 as Article III, Organization, Structure And Distribution Of Powers And Functions, Section 3, The Executive Branch, Paragraph B11. Without any objections, the motion passed.

A motion by Judge Walter Lanier, Jr., seconded by Henry Lafont, Jr., to adopt Article III, Organization, Structure And Distribution Of Powers And Functions, Section 3, The Executive Branch, Paragraph D1. Without objection, the motion passed.

The Commission allowed Mr. Kirk Cheramie to speak.

A motion by Henry Lafont, Jr., seconded by Charles Beasley, to amend Article III, Organization, Structure And Distribution Of Powers And Functions, Section 3, The Executive Branch, by amending Paragraph D7 and deleting D9. Without any objections, the motion passed.

Charles Beasley motioned and Joseph Mickles seconded to accept Article III, Organization, Structure And Distribution Of Powers And Functions with the changes made at the meeting.

A motion by Joseph Fertitta, seconded by Joseph Mickles, to adjourn the meeting.

#### Roll Call Vote

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

With a vote of 1 abstain, 2 absences, 3 nays, and 5 yeas, the motion failed.

Elizabeth Breaux motioned and Judge Walter Lanier, Jr. seconded to schedule another meeting on Monday, July 12, 2004, at 6:30 P.M. Without objection, the motion passed.

On motion by Joseph Fertitta and seconded by Joseph Mickles, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:40 P.M.

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MARY R. KITCHEN, SECRETARY

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JOHN J. PLAISANCE, II, CHAIRMAN