

**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 Monday, July 12, 2004, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Danny Mayet at 7:00 P.M.

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

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.  
Mr. John Plaisance (Entered The Meeting @ 7:06 P.M.)  
Mr. Joseph "Joe" Mickles  
Judge Walter I. Lanier, Jr.  
Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta

A motion by Sharleen Hotard, seconded by Henry Lafont, Jr., to accept the minutes of the July 6, 2004, meeting with the following corrections: change "Brandon" to "Brennen" and underneath the first roll call vote, insert "With a vote of 2 absences, 2 Nays, and 7 yeas, the motion passed." Without any objections, the motion passed.

Charles Beasley motioned and Sharleen Hotard seconded to accept the minutes of the July 7, 2004, meetings as presented. Without objection, the motion passed.

A motion by Sharleen Hotard, seconded by Charles Beasley, to add "2/3's vote by" behind "the first "by" in line one of Article III, Separation Of Powers And Functions, Section 5, Compensation, Paragraph B.

Councilman Phillip Gouaux, Councilman Mark Atzenhoffer, Cecil Watts, Councilman Lindel Toups, Councilman Daniel Lorraine, Councilman Brent Callais, Julie Sapia, Gene Griffon and Marilyn Duet spoke at the meeting.

A substitute motion to the above motion by John Plaisance, seconded by Butch Monnier, that "the Commission put the option on the ballot of whether the Parish President's salary starts on either 1-01-05 or 1-01-08" in Article III, Separation Of Powers And Functions, Section 5, Compensation, Paragraph B.

Roll Call Vote

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

Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta No

With a vote of 4 yeas and 7 nays, the motion failed.

Roll Call Vote on the motion to amend Article III, Separation Of Powers And Functions, Section 5, Compensation, Paragraph B.

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

With a vote of 3 yeas and 8 nays, the motion failed.

Charles Beasley motioned to insert in the Charter that "the Parish President get a salary increase to \$ 65, 000 to begin 01-01-05." Hearing no second, the motion died for a lack of support.

A motion by Henry Lafont, Jr., seconded by Joseph Fertitta, to remove the term limits option from the ballot and strike out the language for term limits in the Home Rule Charter.

Roll Call Vote

Ms. Mary Kitchen	Yes
Ms. Sharleen Hotard	Yes
Ms. Elizabeth Breaux	No
Mr. Charles Beasley	Yes
Mr. O.E. Monnier	Yes
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

With a vote of 2 nays and 9 yeas, the motion passed.

Elizabeth Breaux motioned and Joseph Mickles seconded that in Article VI, Finance, Section 1, The Annual Budget, Paragraph B, Submittal Of Budgets, to change "ninety (90) days" to "seventy five (75) days."

Roll Call Vote

Ms. Mary Kitchen	Yes
Ms. Sharleen Hotard	No
Ms. Elizabeth Breaux	Yes
Mr. Charles Beasley	No
Mr. O.E. Monnier	No
Mr. Danny Mayet	Yes
Mr. Henry Lafont, Jr.	No
Mr. John Plaisance	No

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

With a vote of 4 nays and 7 yeas, the motion failed.

A motion by Judge Walter Lanier, Jr., seconded by Henry Lafont, Jr., to add “During the fiscal year, the Chair or his/her designee may transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance in the legislative branch’s expenses to another appropriation, or for another legislative purpose, in the legislative branch’s expenses, provided Article VI, Section 2, Paragraph B is complied with.” as sentence three in Article VI, Finance, Section 3, Paragraph D, Transfer Of Appropriations.

Roll Call Vote

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

With a vote of 2 nays and 9 yeas, the motion passed.

Elizabeth Breaux motioned and Sharleen Hotard seconded to amend Article III, Organizations, Structure And Distribution Of Powers And Functions, Section 3, The Executive Branch, Paragraph B9, to read as follows: “Enter into, and if required, sign, contracts for projects, equipment, professional services, and materials and equipment specifically identified in the approved operating and capital improvement budgets or as specifically identified by ordinance. Contracts for projects, equipment, or materials and supplies not so identified shall be submitted to the Council for approval as provided for in Article V of this Charter;.”

Roll Call Vote

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

With a vote of 4 nays and 7 yeas, the motion carried.

A motion by Henry Lafont, seconded by Joseph Fertitta, to have a meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at 6:30 P.M. Without any objections, the motion passed.

On motion by Joseph Fertitta and seconded by Henry Lafont, Jr., the meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:16 P.M.

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MARY R. KITCHEN, SECRETARY

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JOHN J. PLAISANCE, II, CHAIRMAN