

**MAY 25, 2004
RACELAND, LOUISIANA**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LAFOURCHE**

THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2004, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612 HWY. 182, SUITE 100, RACELAND, LOUISIANA.

Mark Atzenhoffer , Chairman, stated that the Public Works and Solid Waste Committee was ready for the transaction of business at 6:20 P.M.. Proceedings of the meeting were called to order with the following:

PRESENT: Mr. Tyrone Williams
Mr. Mike Delatte–Co-Chair
Mr. Michael Matherne
Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer–Chairman
Mr. Lindel Toups
Mr. L. Phillip Gouaux, II
Mr. Brent Callais
Mr. Daniel Lorraine

ABSENT: Mr. Tommy Lasseigne

PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

Chairman Atzenhoffer asked if anyone from the public wished to address the Committee. Hearing none, he moved to the next item.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ray Cheramie reported that the parish received new equipment. He also said that they were trying to get as much work done as possible before hurricane season, adding that sandbags have been stored. Mr. Cheramie mentioned that all of the equipment is in good shape with the exception of an excavator, which he would like to replace. He then said that three pumps are out. Mr. Daniel Lorraine inquired about a gear that went out on the Galliano bridge. He recommended to the Administration that an extra gear be kept on hand. Mr. Cheramie mentioned the system is as old as the gear, which costs \$5,000, and that replacing/upgrading the system would probably be a better option.

MOTIONS

The first item (1) on the agenda was a motion to grant a variance regarding French Turn Subdivision, Addendum No. 4 from having to hard surface the cross streets and only leaving a right-of-way for future access. The Planning Commission did not recommend the variance on the cross streets but did recommend a variance for the cul-de-sac (DEFERRED FROM 05-11-04 COUNCIL MEETING). Mr. Michael St. Martin told Mr. Lindel Toups that the land could be developed which is why the Planning Commission recommends that the variance be denied. He also said that if land on the left or right is developed, someone would have to pay for the cross streets, possibly the parish. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, and **carried** to grant the variance for the cul-de-sac, but not for the cross streets, by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) absent, being that of Mr. Tommy Lasseigne.

The next item (2) on the agenda was a motion to submit Crepe Myrtle Place Subdivision, Addendum No. 1 (20) lots, District (2), Ward (1) of Lafourche Parish, to be presented before the May 27, 2004, Planning Commission meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Mike Delatte. Mr. Michael St. Martin stated that the subdivision streets and lot size meet the Planning Commission regulations, but there is a question of drainage by the Department of Public Works (DPW). He recommended that DPW get the developer and engineer to resolve the drainage issues. An **amendment** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Mike Delatte, and **carried** asking the Department of Public Works to look at the drainage in this subdivision and report to this committee with a recommendation, in addition to the recommendation of the Planning Commission, prior to final Committee approval by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) absent, being that of Mr. Tommy Lasseigne. The Committee **adopted** the motion as amended by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) absent, being that of Mr. Tommy Lasseigne.

DISCUSSIONS

The next item (3) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the mosquito abatement program. Mr. Cullen Curole, Parish Administrator, mentioned that two proposals were given to the Council at the May 11, 2004 meeting, with Mr. Wayne Machado as the low bidder. He announced that the recommendation of the Administration was to proceed with entering into a contract with the low bidder, Mosquito Control, Inc. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. Mr. Daniel Lorraine mentioned that the parish is not threatened with an epidemic and inquired about the purpose of the mosquito abatement program. Mr. Gouaux relinquished his time to Mr. Wayne Machado, who referred to handouts that were given to the Committee. Mr. Machado referred to practical solutions to mosquito problems and discussed the Mosquito Control Program Proposal for Lafourche Parish (see handouts.) The program is composed of five segments, each discussed in detail: Inspection and Surveillance, Larviciding, Adulticiding, Virus Surveillance, and Virus Suppression. Mr. Machado mentioned that the program was for pest mosquitos as well as virus mosquitos. A discussion ensued concerning the spraying process and public notification. President Randolph told Mr. Phillip Gouaux that the state was offering the parish a \$15,000 grant towards this program, and education on this issue as well. Mr. Machado mentioned that the program included aerial spraying. Mr. Michael Matherne discussed the spraying in the City of Thibodaux. A discussion ensued regarding the exclusion of the City of Thibodaux in the contract, with the

exception of the virus surveillance and suppression segment. Another discussion ensued pertaining to the sophisticated equipment that will be used. Next, Mr. Daniel Rodrigue, a retired Chemistry and Biology teacher at South Lafourche High School, mentioned that he previously addressed the Committee with research showing the dangers of pesticide spraying and then distributed handouts of newspaper articles warning of these dangers, which he discussed. He spoke in opposition to spraying for mosquitoes. Mr. Machado responded to the comments made by Mr. Rodrigue and discussed different pesticides. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Machado informed Mr. Toups that Mosquito Control, Inc. had never been sued by Jefferson Parish. Next, a discussion ensued regarding liability and insurance. Mr. Machado explained the life cycle of a mosquito to be six weeks, at the request of Mr. Gouaux. Mrs. Joy Secura adamantly opposed any type of aerial spraying and suggested that an environmentally friendly option be used for safety reasons. Mr. Curole mentioned that Mr. Greg Serigny helped to put together the proposal and stated that the Administration supports the recommended program. The Committee **approved** the motion to accept the mosquito abatement control contract with Mosquito Control, Inc. by a vote of seven (7) yeas, one (1) nay, being that of Mr. Daniel Lorraine, and one (1) absent, being that of Mr. Tommy Lasseigne.

The next item (4) on the agenda was a discussion concerning what streets should be recommended to the Department of Transportation and Development for consideration in the Highway Exchange Program. Chairman Atzenhoffer requested that each Councilman state whether or not they wanted the street located in their Councilmatic district to be accepted in the Highway Exchange Program. Mr. Cullen Curole mentioned that Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development compiled the list, which was a suggestion of streets for the parish to consider. He added that the parish only needs to accept 33.4 lane miles into the parish system in exchange for a portion of 3245 in Larose, but said that 10 miles are needed for a section of road from Leeville to Fourchon. President Randolph said that the Council was presented with the same list that was given to the Administration by the State and that the Council did not have to accept any street they did not want to. Discussion ensued regarding what streets should be accepted. Mr. Gouaux said that he would like to accept the service street in Larose and the road from the T-Bois Bridge to Highway 308, which were not included in the original list. He then mentioned that any street accepted into the parish system must be brought to standard by the State. Mr. Curole stated that the streets that the Council would choose to accept into the parish system will be done so through a resolution. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and **carried** requesting the Administration and Councilmen to ride the roads to check the traffic and come back with a recommendation at the pleasure of the Administration.

The next item (5) on the agenda was a discussion concerning drainage problems. Mr. Lindel Toups referred to a letter from the Sugarland Civic Association. He mentioned that a grant was in the works and that the parish had funds to match. He asked if any in-house drainage work could begin in the subdivisions that comprise the Sugarland Civic Association. Mr. Cherie said that the parish wants to avoid doing duplicate work of what will be done through the grant but agreed to go through the list to see what work could be done before the grant is officially approved. Mr. Norman Duplantis thanked the parish for addressing the issues in the area and mentioned that the grant would only cover half of the work being requested. Mr. Joe Picciola gave an update on the status of the grant.

The next item (6) on the agenda is a discussion concerning entering into a contract for a Parish Monitor to monitor pipeline construction activities and other related industrial development in Lafourche Parish (DEFERRED FROM 05-11-04 LPC MEETING). Mr. Phillip Gouaux referred to a discussion from the May 11th Council meeting regarding the qualifications of a Parish Monitor. He relinquished his time to Mr. Max Acosta, who owns an inspection company. Mr. Acosta described qualifications necessary for the tasks of a parish monitor. Mr. Gouaux further discussed the qualifications. He added that an amendment with the qualifications would be brought up at the full Council meeting. Mr. Gouaux clarified that it is in the form an ordinance, and that the contract will be between the inspection company and the parish. He added that the ordinance would dictate by permit that the oil company would be responsible for payment. Mr. Toups said that the ordinance should indicate that the pipeline workers must have a monitor approved by the parish council. A discussion ensued regarding inspections, salary, and the jurisdiction of Coastal Zone Management.

RESOLUTIONS

The next item (7) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to install the proper hospital signs at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 1 and Bowie Road, Thibodaux, acknowledging the direction of the hospital. A motion was offered by Mr. Michael Matherne and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais. The Committee *recommended approval* to the Council said resolution by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) absent, being that of Mr. Tommy Lasseigne.

RES. NO. 04-037 DOTD HOSPITAL SIGNS HWY 1 & BOWIE RD

The next item (8) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to mark the curve from 1148 to 1172 Highway 316 (Bayou Blue Road) with reflective signs and new markings on the roadway; and to install “Dangerous Curve Ahead” signs. A motion was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Mike Delatte. President Randolph mentioned that DOTD was aware of the situation. The Committee *recommended approval* to the Council said resolution by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) absent, being that of Mr. Tommy Lasseigne.

RES. NO. 04-038 DOTD HWY 316 DANGEROUS CURVE SIGNS

The next item (9) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to address the drainage problems in the vicinity of 3618 Highway 1, Raceland, Lafourche Parish. A motion was offered by Mr. Michael Matherne and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais. The Committee *recommended approval* to the Council said resolution by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) absent, being that of Mr. Tommy Lasseigne.

RES. NO. 04-039 DOTD DRAINAGE PROBLEMS HWY 1 RACELAND

The next item (10) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to install “No Parking Here To Corner” signs at 3916 Highway 1 at the intersection of Greenville and Highway 1 and to include yellow ground striping. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Matherne and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais. Mr. Vernon Foret said that the area being discussed is a parking area for a doctor’s office, saying that by putting limitations on parking may hamper the doctor’s ability to conduct business. Chairman Atzenhoffer explained that the area has a building close to the corner, which impedes the vision of the corner. He added

that the doctor is agreeable with the placement of the signs, which may only take up two parking spaces. The Committee *recommended approval* to the Council said resolution by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) absent, being that of Mr. Tommy Lasseigne.

RES. NO. 04-040 DOTD HWY 1 & GREENVILLE NO PARKING

OTHER BUSINESS

The next item on the agenda was any other business. There was no other business to be addressed.

ADJOURN

On motion by Mr. Michael Matherne and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council Public Works and Solid Waste Committee of May 25, 2004, adjourned at 7:40 pm.

**MARK ATZENHOFFER, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH PUBLIC WORKS
AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

**SHEILA B. BOUDREAUX, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH**