

MARCH 22, 2005
RACELAND, LOUISIANA

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH LAFOURCHE

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2005, AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612 HWY. 182, SUITE 100, RACELAND, LOUISIANA.

The Lafourche Parish Council was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Mr. Michael Matherne, Chairman, who then stated that the Lafourche Parish Council was ready for the transaction of business at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Matherne announced that the opening prayer would be led by Council Member Mark Atzenhoffer. The Council then recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Lindel Toups. Proceedings of the meeting were called to order with the following:

PRESENT: Mr. Tyrone Williams
Mr. Michael Delatte
Mr. Michael Matherne - Chairman
Dr. Tommy Lasseigne
Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer - Vice Chairman
Mr. Lindel Toups
Mr. L. Phillip Gouaux, II
Mr. Brent Callais
Mr. Daniel Lorraine

ABSENT: None

Chairman Matherne also recognized Parish President Charlotte A. Randolph as being present.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

The first item (1) on the agenda was a motion to accept the minutes of the March 8, 2005, Regular Session meeting. A **motion** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups to accept the March 8, 2005 minutes. The minutes were **approved** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, to **deviate** from the agenda to discuss item (6), and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (6) on the agenda was a presentation of an annual report from members of Hospital Service District No. 3 (Thibodaux Regional Medical Center). Mr. Jacob Giardina, Chairman of the Hospital Service District No. 3 Board presented a detailed annual report of the Thibodaux Regional Medical Center. He handed out copies of the report to the Council.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte, to **return** to the regular agenda, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Chairman Michael Matherne announced that the next item on the agenda was the Public wishing to address the Council. Mr. Donovan Toups addressed the Council regarding his position on the Lafourche Parish Library Board of Control. He stated that he needed to resign to be in accordance with the Louisiana Board of Ethics ruling Docket No. 2005-089. Mr. Toups handed in his resignation from his position to the Council Clerk and requested that the removal become effective immediately.

Ms. Debra Slade, a resident of West 23rd Street in Larose, addressed the Council pertaining to an ordinance that was passed six years ago to accept 800 feet of West 23rd Street into the Parish Maintenance System. She asked the Council for an update on the ruling because she said that it was yet to be done. Mr. Brent Callais stated that in 1999 that West 23rd Street was accepted along with 3.62 miles of other streets in Road Sales Tax District No. 2. He said that approximately 96 percent of the streets that were accepted were also paved, except for West 23rd Street. Mr. Callais explained that the Administration, Engineer Joe Picciola, and himself had met with the Slade family and that they were working on getting an opinion from the District Attorney on the situation. Ms. Slade stated that she had spoke with Lisa from the District Attorney's office on March 16th and was told that it was turned over to the Engineer to prioritize. She said that she called the Engineer because she did not know what was meant by prioritizing and that she was informed that West 23rd Street was not going to be accepted. Ms. Slade gave the ordinance numbers (2761 and 2747) for the record. Mr. Callais said that he would like for the situation to be cleared. Mr. Daniel Lorraine explained that back in 1997 that there was a 1 cent sales tax which was attempted to be passed in District No. 1 and in District No. 2. He stated that District No. 1 had failed and District No. 2 had passed. Mr. Lorraine said that District No. 3 was created in 1998, then District No. 5 and District No. 6 was created in 1999. He explained that Ordinance No. 2761 was passed for the "west side" on May 11, 1999 to accept the streets and was 98 percent completed. Mr. Lorraine continued with his explanations. He then said that Ordinance No. 2747 was passed for the "east side" on March 9, 1999 and that 99 or 100 percent of the work was done. Mr. Lorraine stated that he would like to see the work done. President Randolph said that the subdivision regulation ordinance conflicts with the two ordinances in question. She said that one needed to be changed. Discussions and debates ensued pertaining to the past Administration and what could be done in the present. District Attorney Morvant advised the Council to read the subdivision ordinance that was passed in 1982. He said that it was his understanding that a legal opinion was rendered in 1999 pertaining to the ordinances that were passed which accepted the streets into the parish system. District Attorney Morvant said that the opinion rendered was that the Council had directly violated the subdivision ordinance of 1982. He suggested that the ordinance be amended or repealed, but to first check with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development because highway funds could be lost. Discussions and debates continued. Ms. Leslie Schwertz, a resident of West 23rd Street, gave some background information on the previous residents and of the Parish maintenance to the street. Mr. Cullen Curole, Parish Administrator gave some statistics to the issue of the street and said that the Administration was trying to make a decision based on what was right/legal.

PRESENTATIONS

The next item (2) on the agenda was a presentation by Mr. Leroy Martin & Mr. Albert Guidry with Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1 to give an annual report. Mr. Albert Guidry, Chairman of the Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1 Board, presented the annual report. He stated that the Council had received copies of the report.

The next item (3) on the agenda was a presentation by Ms. Debra Gautreaux with Lafourche Ambulance District No. 1 to give an annual report. Ms. Debra Gautreaux, Administrator, presented a detailed annual report. She handed out copies of the report to the Council.

The next item (4) on the agenda was a presentation by Ms. Katie Zeringue with the Lafourche Communications District to give an annual report. Ms. Katie Zeringue, Administrator of the Lafourche Communications District, presented a detailed annual report. She stated that a copy of the report was forwarded to the Council Clerk.

The next item (5) on the agenda was a presentation by Ms. Charlene Rodriguez, Executive Director of the Lafourche Parish Council on Aging, to give an annual report. Ms. Charlene Rodriguez, Executive Director of the Lafourche Parish Council on Aging, presented a detailed annual report. She stated that a copy of the report was forwarded to the Council Clerk.

The next item (7) on the agenda was a presentation by Ms. Martha Babin with Lafourche Parish Head Start to give a quarterly report. Ms. Martha Babin with Lafourche Parish Head Start presented a quarterly report. She handed out copies of the report and of the monthly calendar to the Council.

PROCLAMATIONS

The next item (8) on the agenda was a proclamation honoring the Thibodaux High School Basketball team for their accomplishments. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Tyrone Williams and was unanimously seconded. Chairman Matherne read the proclamation. Mr. Williams took the opportunity to give a round of applause to the Coach for assisting the team in setting history. He said that the accomplishments would inspire future players to become winners. Mr. Williams encouraged the team to continue following their goals and that they were number one. He then presented the proclamation to the Coach. Coach Barry Filce thanked the Council for the recognition of their accomplishments and hard work. He stated that the accomplishments were due to total team effort and that they had a lot of good individuals.

The next item (9) on the agenda was a proclamation declaring May 7, 2005 as “*Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Day*” in Lafourche Parish. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and was unanimously seconded. Chairman Matherne read the proclamation. Ms. Elizabeth Block, Co-Chair person for Great Strides on the Bayou, mentioned that the “*Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Day*” walk would be held on Saturday, May 7, 2005 in the Peltier Park. She said that they were gathering teams for the white beans and jambalaya cook off. Ms. Block gave the website address (cff.org) to register, if anyone was interested in participating. She thanked the Council and especially Mr. Michael Matherne for sponsoring the proclamation because it would help to raise awareness.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT(S)

The next item on the agenda was a presentation of any reports on the Parish. Parish President Charlotte A. Randolph stated that Ms. Shannon Chiasson would give the financial report. Ms. Chiasson presented the report as a PowerPoint presentation and handed out packets to the Council. She said that information was already being gathered for the 2006 Budget. Ms. Chiasson went over the various road bond debts and then the road sales tax districts. She gave the dates that the districts were created, the amounts of the tax, and of the debt. Ms. Chiasson said that the amounts were refinanced because the rates were better and more advantageous to the Parish. She then stated the new figures of debts, dates, projected revenues, and available money for construction. Ms. Chiasson explained the closing of the \$15 million road bond issue and the costs associated with the sale. Detailed discussions and explanations ensued pertaining to the bond issues.

President Randolph reported on the key points of her trip to Washington.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, to take a five minute recess, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais, to return from the five minute recess, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ENGINEERING REPORT(S)

The next item on the agenda was a presentation of planned, presently on going, recently completed or other projects by appropriate engineering firms engaged by the Parish. Mr. John Plaisance with J. Wayne Plaisance gave a brief update on the repairing of the Golden Meadow Park road project. He said that the preliminary testing was done, the plans should be completed by the end of the following week, and once received the bid date would be scheduled with the Administration.

Mr. Kirk Trosclair with Duplantis Design Group, PC gave a brief update on the Marydale Community Waterline Improvements Project. He said that the Terrebonne Parish Council had decided to place the waterlines in the public right-of-ways, the plans would be finalized at the end of the week, and should be prepared to set a bid date at the next Council meeting.

LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT

The next item on the agenda was a motion to relinquish time to the Lafourche Parish Legal Advisor. The Lafourche Parish Legal Advisor was not present to speak.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais, to **deviate** from the agenda to discuss item (65), and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (65) on the agenda was a discussion concerning Section 8 Housing. Mr. Brent Callais stated that a couple of his constituents were concerned about Section 8 Housing and of their acceptance processes. He said that the constituents were complaining of several different sites because of their conditions and that they were trying to get them condemned as derelict structures through the Board of Health. Mr. Callais asked about the housing regulations. Ms. Beryl Pitre with Section 8 Housing stated they do housing and quality standard inspections. She said that they were not the Board of Health, so they only do a visual inspection. Ms. Pitre said that the initial inspection was done while the unit was unoccupied and once annually thereafter. She requested that a list of the homes in complaint be submitted to her office, so they can do a follow up inspection. Ms. Pitre stated that they follow the Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations. A brief discussion ensued pertaining to requirements. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer requested a list from Ms. Pitre of the Section 8 homes. Ms. Pitre gave an email address (www.lhfa.state.la.us) from the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (which is state associated) pertaining to \$500,000 in grants for the American Dream down payment initiative. She said it was for single parent families who wish to purchase a home.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, to **return** to the regular agenda, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

Next, a **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais, to **open** the **Public Hearing & Ordinances for Ratification**, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

PUBLIC HEARING & ORDINANCES FOR RATIFICATION

The next item (11) on the agenda was an ordinance authorizing the signing of a servitude agreement between Frank Jay Stouder II and Robin Stouder Carroll to construct, operate and maintain a fifteen foot drainage and maintenance servitude plus the width of a swale ditch north of Terre Haute Subdivision and a twenty foot drainage and maintenance servitude plus the width of the ditch adjacent to Terre Haute Subdivision; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer said servitude

agreements. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine. The ordinance *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3561 SERVITUDE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANK JAY STOUDE II AND ROBIN STOUDE CARROLL

The next item (12) on the agenda was an ordinance authorizing the signing of a servitude agreement between Jerry Ledet and Corina Pitre Ledet to construct, operate and maintain a fifteen foot drainage and maintenance servitude plus the width of ditch on the eastern side of Highway 3235 right-of-way line; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer said servitude agreement. Mr. Kirk Cheramie of Golden Meadow asked if the location would be along the property owners' orchid. Mr. Daniel Lorraine responded that it was not. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais. The ordinance *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3562 SERVITUDE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JERRY LEDET AND CORINA PITRE LEDET

The next item (13) on the agenda was an ordinance authorizing the signing of a servitude agreement between Eric John Vizier, by Attorney-in-fact, Nicolette Vizier to construct, operate and maintain a fifteen foot drainage and maintenance servitude plus the width of the ditch on the eastern side of Highway 3235; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer said servitude agreement. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer asked Mr. Ray Cheramie if fifteen feet would be enough width to maintain the drainage ditch. Mr. Ray Cheramie responded, "as long as it has fifteen feet plus the width of the ditch to maintain". He also said that it would be the minimum width that he would go with. The ordinance *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3563 SERVITUDE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ERIC JOHN VIZIER, BY ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, NICOLETTE VIZIER

The next item (14) on the agenda was an ordinance authorizing the signing of a servitude agreement between John P. Parr to construct, operate and maintain a twenty foot drainage and maintenance servitude, plus the width of the ditch along Highway 1 to the Parr Pump Station; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer said servitude. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups. The ordinance *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3564 SERVITUDE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JOHN P. PARR

The next item (15) on the agenda was an ordinance authorizing the signing of a servitude agreement regarding Acadia Plantation 40-Arpent Drainage; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer said servitude. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, to *table* this item, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORDINANCE WAS TABLED

The next item (16) on the agenda was an ordinance creating a policy stating that any parish board, agency, or non-profit organization that requests any funds from the parish must provide the Council with a copy of their current audited financials prior to the parish transferring the funds, and also request that the Lafourche Parish Finance Department review the audit financials and give a report to the Council on their findings. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip

Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais. An **amendment** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, to include, "All funds used by these non-profit organizations must be dedicated to certain projects and those organizations must come before the Council every six months with a progress report", and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. The original ordinance **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3565 CREATING A POLICY, AUDITED FINANCIALS

The next item (17) on the agenda was an ordinance designating that all future division of land for development that surrounds East 40th Street (Bayou L' Ours Road), the landowner will be required by the Lafourche Parish Council to meet the subdivision regulations and install the required water lines (nothing smaller than eight inches) and fire hydrants; and providing for penalties for violators thereof. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups. An **amendment** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, to add, "*from the Twenty-Arpent Canal to the Valerie Canal*", and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. The original ordinance **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer.

ORD. NO. 3566 FUTURE DIVISION OF LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT THAT SURROUNDS EAST 40TH STREET

The next item (18) on the agenda was an ordinance de-dedicating the last 380 feet of West 17th Street, Ward 10, District 8 of Lafourche Parish. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer. Mr. Phillip Gouaux asked the Administration and the Director of Public Works if they had any problems with this item. President Randolph responded that they did not, but they did have a recommendation for the future. She recommended that the de-dedications go before the Planning Department before they would come before the Council. The ordinance **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3567 DE-DEDICATING THE LAST 380 FEET OF WEST 17TH STREET

The next item (19) on the agenda was an ordinance authorizing the purchase of the building located at 200 West 2nd Street in Thibodaux, Louisiana, more commonly referred to as the Whitney Building from Whitney National Bank to house the District Attorney's Office and a portion of the Sheriff's or for any other parish use; to authorize purchase for the appraised value of \$2,500,000.00 less the amount of \$20,000.00 previously paid as a deposit; to authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for the performance and completion of the recommended renovations and repairs on said building; to authorize the Parish President to sign any and all necessary sale documents; to forward a certified copy to all parties; and to provide for publication in the Official Journal. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne. Mr. Brent Callais asked if the Council should wait for the opinion requested from the District Attorney pertaining to the funds to be used before preceding with this item. Mr. Cullen Curole, Parish Administrator, responded that they did not have to hold off and explained his answer. An **amendment** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, to change the wording of, "*for the appraised value of \$2,500,000.00*" to "*up to \$2,500,000.00*", and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. The original ordinance **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3568 PURCHASE OF THE WHITNEY BUILDING

The next item (20) on the agenda was an ordinance prohibiting "loitering" on East 95th Street, Ward 10, District 9 of Lafourche Parish; authorizing the installation of the necessary no loitering signs; and providing for penalties of violators thereof. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, to table this item, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORDINANCE WAS TABLED

The next item (21) on the agenda was an ordinance establishing a twenty-five (25) miles per hour speed limit on East Fontinelle Street and fifteen (15) miles per hour in front of the Head Start School; authorizing the installation of the necessary speed limit signs; and providing for penalties of violators thereof. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Mr. Tyrone Williams. The ordinance *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3569 ESTABLISHING A 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON EAST FONTINELLE STREET AND 15 MPH IN FRONT OF THE HEAD START SCHOOL

The next item (22) on the agenda was an ordinance reducing the speed limit from twenty-five (25) miles per hour to fifteen (15) miles per hour on Prim Rose Drive, Ward 6, District 2; authorizing the installation of the necessary speed limit signs; and providing for penalties of violators thereof. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Delatte and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne. The ordinance *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3570 REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT TO 15 MPH ON PRIM ROSE DRIVE

The next item (23) on the agenda was an ordinance adding Section 25:23(B) to Sub-Chapter "A" of Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinances of the Lafourche Parish Council as it pertains to sizes of culverts to be used in the parish unless otherwise specified in writing by the Director of the Department of Public Works or a certified Civil Engineer. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer. Detailed discussions and explanations ensued regarding developers, engineering plans, culverts, and drainage issues. The ordinance *carried* by a vote of seven (7) yeas and two (2) nays, that being of Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and Mr. Daniel Lorraine.

ORD. NO. 3571 ADDING SECTION 25:23(B) TO SUB-CHAPTER "A" OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO SIZES OF CULVERTS

The next item (24) on the agenda was an ordinance amending and re-enacting Section 15:75 of Sub-Chapter "E" of Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances for the Lafourche Parish Council, to change the term "No Wake Zone" to "Idle Speed Only", to add a definition for "Idle Speed Only" and sign requirements; and providing for penalties of violators thereof. Mr. Kirk Cheramie of Golden Meadow asked which waterways this ordinance was going to pertain to. Chairman Matherne stated that it was all the parish waterways that were currently posted and that it would only change the terminology. Mr. Cheramie asked if it would conflict with the waterways posted by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission. Mr. Phillip Gouaux responded that the ordinance would not supercede that of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission. Discussions and debates ensued pertaining to the definitions of no wake and idle speed. Ms. Dianna Dufrene of Des Allemands said that she was interested in how the ordinance would be enforced in the canal that runs along her property. Deputy Granier with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office Water Patrol stated that there was a debate on who actually owns the canal that Ms. Dufrene referenced. He read an article which explained idle speed only. Discussions continued. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer. The ordinance *carried* by a vote of six (6) yeas and three (3) nays, that being of Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, Mr. Lindel Toups, and Mr. Daniel Lorraine.

ORD. NO. 3572 "NO WAKE ZONE" TO "IDLE SPEED ONLY"

Next, a **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte, to *close* the **Public Hearing & Ordinances for Ratification**, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

Chairman Matherne requested that Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer read the proposed ordinances.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

The next item (25) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance amending Sub-Chapter “W” of Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances of the Lafourche Parish Council as it pertains to the Lafourche Parish Youth Council. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Tyrone Williams to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-CHAPTER “W”, YOUTH COUNCIL

The next item (26) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance authorizing the Parish President to sign an agreement with the Lafourche Parish School Board and a cooperative agreement with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff’s Office for the shared use of the Raceland Landfill property. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE SHARED USE OF THE RACELAND LANDFILL PROPERTY

The next item (27) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance extending for twenty (20) years a lease between the Council and Mrs. Percy Cortez, Mrs. Emilean Cortez, Mr. Tracy Larousse, Ms. Lorraine Larousse, Kim Gonzales, Joey Larousse and Danna Falgoust, et al, to provide for a public boat launch, road right-of-way, and canal use; and authorizing the Parish President to sign the lease agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Delatte to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE A LEASE EXTENDING FOR TWENTY (20) YEARS

The next item (28) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance extending for twenty (20) years a lease between the Council and Charleston Hebert, Adam Hebert, Alceda H. Cortez, Thomas Hebert, Lillian H. Tabor, William Hebert, Anna Mae Delatte, Gertie Tabor, Dorothy Tabor, Karen Delatte, Wesley Ordoyne, Verna Delatte, Dorothy Tabor, Ronald Ordoyne, Christopher Ordoyne, Hosanna Chiasson, Mary Adams, Elta Mahler, and Michael Delatte, et al, to provide for a public boat launch, road right-of-way, and canal use; and authorizing the Parish President to sign the lease agreement. This item was **pulled**.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE WAS PULLED

The next item (29) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance accepting into the parish system the subdivision known as “Prairie Lake Subdivision, Addendum No. 2”, Ward 3, District 5 of Lafourche Parish. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Delatte to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE “PRAIRIE LAKE SUBDIVISION, ADDENDUM NO. 2”

The next item (30) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance accepting into the parish system the subdivision known as “Cumberland Estates”, Ward 11, District 4 of Lafourche Parish. A **motion** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE “CUMBERLAND ESTATES”

The next item (31) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance accepting into the parish system the subdivision known as “Shirley A. Domangue Subdivision”, Ward 9, District 7 of Lafourche Parish. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE “SHIRLEY A. DOMANGUE SUBDIVISION”

The next item (32) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance increasing the speed limit from twenty-five (25) miles per hour to forty (40) miles per hour on the portion of Ardoyne Drive from Bowie Road to LA Highway 648 (Percy Brown Road); providing for the installation of said signs; and for penalties of violators thereof. A **motion** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE INCREASING SPEED LIMIT FROM 25 MPH TO 40 MPH, ARDOYNE DR. FROM BOWIE RD. TO LA HIGHWAY 648

The next item (33) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3490 in order to allow for Alternates to Council members on the Detention Center Improvement Subcommittee. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3490

The next item (34) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance creating a “No Parking Zone” at the end of St. Ann Street, in the bus turn around and 100 feet prior to the turn around, Ward 3, District 5 of Lafourche Parish; providing for the installation of the necessary signs; and providing for penalties for violations thereof. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Matherne to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE “NO PARKING ZONE” AT THE END OF ST. ANN STREET

The next item (35) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance creating a “No Parking Zone” along Louisiana Highway 652, Ward 11, District 5 of Lafourche Parish; providing for the installation of the necessary signs; providing for penalties for violations thereof; and providing for an effective date. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Matherne to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE “NO PARKING ZONE” ALONG LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 652

The next item (36) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance creating a “Pedestrian Cross Walk” across East 22nd Street in Larose, approximately 100 feet from Highway 308 in front of the Christian Fellowship Church and Children’s Department, Ward 9, District 7 of Lafourche Parish. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE “PEDESTRIAN CROSS WALK” ACROSS EAST 22ND ST.

The next item (37) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance creating a ten (10) miles per hour speed limit on West 170th Street, Ward 10, District 9 of Lafourche Parish; providing for the installation of the necessary signs; and providing for penalties of violations thereof. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 10 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON WEST 170TH STREET

RESOLUTIONS

The next item (38) on the agenda was a resolution approving the Parish President’s appointment of a Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte to adopt said resolution. President Randolph nominated Mr. Brennan Matherne as the Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities. She said that she nominated him because of his youth, his ability to communicate, as well as his opportunities to be creative. Mr. Daniel Lorraine said that he would support Mr. Matherne and that he appreciated President Randolph’s phone call. *He asked President Randolph if anybody else was involved, or if it was just him. President Randolph responded no, that it was just him. She said she spoke with many people thru the months, but decided on Mr. Matherne. Mr. Lorraine then asked President Randolph if it was advertised. President Randolph’s reply was no. Mr. Lorraine stated that he gave President Randolph his word and would vote for the resolution.* Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer requested that the Council support Mr. Matherne because he would be a great asset to the department. Mr. Lindel Toups said that he was a good choice because he was right out of college and had been working from a young age. He said that he was looking forward to working with him and wished him the best of luck. Mr. Phillip Gouaux said that Lafourche Parish, the recreation, and the kids of the Parish would benefit from having Mr. Matherne in the position. He said that he would like to work side by side with him making the kids of the Parish happy, youthful, and sports oriented. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne asked for clarification on the position and of its responsibilities. President Randolph responded that he would be the Administrator of the program. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-061 APPOINTMENT OF MR. BRENNAN MATHERNE AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

The next item (39) on the agenda was a resolution to appoint Ron Sapia as President of the Lafourche Parish Youth Council by recommendation of the Parish President. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Tyrone Williams and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to adopt said resolution. Mr. Lindel Toups asked the Administration why the resolution was to appoint only a president and not also a secretary. Mr. Cullen Curole, Parish Administrator stated that it was Mr. Sapia that basically initiated the program. He said that a secretary would be nominated at a later date because it was getting late in the school year. Mr. Curole went into further explanations. A brief discussion ensued pertaining to the future nominations. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-062 APPOINTING RON SAPIA AS PRESIDENT OF THE LAFOURCHE PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL

The next item (40) on the agenda was a resolution appointing Ms. Sharleen F. Hotard to the Lafourche Parish Commission for Women Board to fill one of two vacancies. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Delatte and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-063 APPOINTING MS. SHARLEEN F. HOTARD TO THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COMMISSION FOR WOMEN BOARD

The next item (41) on the agenda was a resolution re-appointing Mr. Harvey Parks, Sr. and Mr. Van Matherne to the Bayou Blue Fire Protection District of the Parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-064 RE-APPOINTING MR. HARVEY PARKS, SR. AND MR. VAN MATHERNE TO THE BAYOU BLUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF THE PARISHES OF TERREBONNE AND LAFOURCHE

The next item (42) on the agenda was a resolution appointing Ms. Nicole Lombas to replace Mrs. Mary Rabb on the Lafourche Parish Juvenile Justice Board. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to adopt said resolution. Mr. Callais stated that Mrs. Rabb had to resign from the board due to her husband's illness. He requested that everyone keep the Rabb family in their prayers because Mr. Rabb had recently passed away. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-065 APPOINTING MS. NICOLE LOMBAS TO THE LAFOURCHE PARISH JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD

The next item (43) on the agenda was a resolution to fill two vacancies on the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission due to the resignation of Mr. Daniel Chiasson and Mr. John Hebert. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups to adopt said resolution. A **motion** to nominate Mr. Rudy Laris, Jr. and Mr. Jed Allemant to the Game and Fish Commission was offered by Mr. Toups, seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. The original motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-066 NOMINATING MR. RUDY LARIS, JR. AND MR. JED ALLEMANT TO THE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

The next item (44) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Lafourche Parish District Attorney to approve the hiring of Mr. Lloyd Bourgeois to defend the Parish regarding the lawsuit entitled, "Lafourche Real Estate and Associates, et al versus #83939, Lafourche Parish Council", at a rate of \$125.00 per hour. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-067 HIRING MR. LLOYD BOURGEOIS, "LAFOURCHE REAL ESTATE AND ASSOCIATES, ET AL VERSUS #83939, LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL"

The next item (45) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to install traffic lights or caution lights at dangerous intersections in the Ward 10 area of Lafourche Parish. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais to adopt said resolution. Mr. Lorraine explained how dangerous the intersections were. He requested that Governor Blanco, the State Senators and Representatives receive a copy of the resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-068 INSTALLING TRAFFIC LIGHTS OR CAUTION LIGHTS AT DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS IN THE WARD 10 AREA

The next item (46) on the agenda was a resolution making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of the issuance of not exceeding \$2,500,000 of Public Building Bonds, Series 2005, of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-069 APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION

The next item (47) on the agenda was a resolution supporting the application for grant funds from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality by Les Reflections du Bayou (LRDB). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-070 GRANT FUNDS, LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BY LES REFLECTIONS DU BAYOU (LRDB)

The next item (48) on the agenda was a resolution approving a contract with Duplantis Design Group for the re-engineering of the Tom Foret Outfall Canal; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer said contract. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-071 DUPLANTIS DESIGN GROUP FOR THE RE-ENGINEERING OF THE TOM FORET OUTFALL CANAL

The next item (49) on the agenda was a resolution approving a contract with Cheramie-Whitney Architects to design and oversee renovations to the Whitney National Bank Building; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer said contract. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to adopt said resolution. Discussions and explanations ensued pertaining to the contract. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-072 CHERAMIE-WHITNEY ARCHITECTS TO DESIGN AND OVERSEE RENOVATIONS TO THE WHITNEY NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

The next item (50) on the agenda was a resolution approving a contract with Picciola and Associates to complete engineering services on the former project 2 Phase C in District 3 and commence work on projects to be assigned by the Administration in Road Sales Tax Districts 3 and 6; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer said contract. A **motion** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte to adopt said resolution. Dr. Lasseigne asked if the engineering services were completed. Mr. Cullen Curole responded that the engineering services were completed on the former project 2 Phase C. He said that there was one batch out of five or six batches that the engineering has already been done. Mr. Curole stated that the Engineer had a contract to do that work and he then explained the remaining process. A brief discussion ensued regarding notices to proceed. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-073 CONTRACT WITH PICCIOLA AND ASSOCIATES

The next item (51) on the agenda was a resolution approving contract(s) with Hibernia National Bank to manage the investments for Lafourche Government in accordance with the investment policy adopted by the Lafourche Parish Council on July 23, 1996, Resolution No. 96-094 and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer said contract(s). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to adopt said resolution. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne requested an explanation of the resolution. Ms. Shannon Chiasson, Finance Director, responded that this resolution would allow the Parish to enter into a relationship with Hibernia National Bank, so they can invest funds for the Parish. Ms. Chiasson stated that it would give an opportunity for a competitive environment, so the Parish could receive the best rates. Further questions and explanations ensued. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-074 HIBERNIA NATIONAL BANK, MANAGE THE INVESTMENTS

The next item (52) on the agenda was a resolution approving contract(s) with Hibernia National Bank for the purpose of safekeeping the securities of the Lafourche Parish Government; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer said contracts. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-075 HIBERNIA NATIONAL BANK, SAFEKEEPING THE SECURITIES

The next item (53) on the agenda was a resolution approving contract(s) with UBS Financial Services, Inc. for the purpose of investing Lafourche Government Funds; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer said contract(s). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-076 UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., INVESTING FUNDS

The next item (54) on the agenda was a resolution creating a policy to discuss ordinances when submitted for introduction. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to adopt said resolution. A brief discussion ensued pertaining to the existing policy. An **amendment** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais, to change the wording from “*Only the Council member who submits the ordinance for introduction...*” to “*Any Council member...*”. A brief discussion and debates ensued regarding the necessity of the resolution. The amendment **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. The original motion *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Phillip Gouaux.

RES NO. 05-077 CREATING A POLICY TO DISCUSS ORDINANCES WHEN SUBMITTED FOR INTRODUCTION

The next item (55) on the agenda was a resolution stating that Lafourche Parish Council’s endorsement of Expert Riser Solutions, LLC located at C-Port 2, Slip 3 in Fourchon, to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine and seconded by to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) abstained, that being of Mr. Brent Callais.

RES NO. 05-078 ENDORSEMENT OF EXPERT RISER SOLUTIONS, LLC

The next item (56) on the agenda was a resolution stating that Lafourche Parish Council’s endorsement of Gatorland MX Park, Inc. located on the Bourg-Larose Highway in Grand Bois, to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Enterprise Program. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-079 ENDORSEMENT OF GATORLAND MX PARK, INC.

The next item (57) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to sweep the ditch from Louisiana Highway 652 to the outfall canal, Ward 3 of Lafourche Parish. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-080 SWEEPING THE DITCH FROM LA HWY 652 TO THE OUTFALL CANAL

The next item (58) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to create a “No Parking Zone” on both sides of Louisiana Highway 652 from the addresses of 452 to 652, Ward 3 of Lafourche Parish. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-081 “NO PARKING ZONE” ON BOTH SIDES OF LA HWY 652

The next item (59) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to repave Louisiana Highway 316 between Highways 182 and 3187, due to the road rapidly deteriorating, Ward 11 of Lafourche Parish. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-082 REPAVING LA HWY 316 BETWEEN HWY 182 AND HWY 3187

The next item (60) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to address an area of roadway on Louisiana Highway 1 between West 167th & West 168th Streets due to said area retaining water making it dangerous for motorists. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-083 ADDRESSING AN AREA OF ROADWAY ON LA HWY 1

The next item (61) on the agenda was a resolution removing all board members currently serving on the Lafourche Parish Recreation District No. 11 Board (Bayou Blue) for not complying with the Council’s information request. This item was **pulled**.

RESOLUTION WAS PULLED

DISCUSSIONS

The next item (62) on the agenda was a discussion concerning Morristown Project. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne requested a status report on the Morristown Project. Mr. Cullen Curole, Parish Administrator, stated that he had discussions with the landowner, Mr. Gray prior to the Council meeting. He said that Mr. Gray had decided not to accept the offer of \$1,890 for the purchase of the right-of-way. Mr. Curole wanted to hear the Council’s considerations on expropriation, or if the project should be cancelled. He went into further details and explained the options. Dr. Lasseigne suggested that the Council propose a resolution to move forward with expropriation and explained his reasoning. Discussions continued. Mr. Phelton Gray, property owner, read from a letter which he received from the Lafourche Parish Government, signed by Parish President Randolph, stating whereas the Parish would make a final offer for \$4,500 for the right-of-way. He said that he did not have property to give away and could not accept the original offer of \$1,800. Mr. Gray said that he was concerned about the Parish having to rescind the money and pay back \$90,000 to the Government. He said that he wanted to work with the Parish and the Community to make this project a reality, but could not afford to give the property away. President Randolph clarified that the \$4,500 did not include the hook up. Mr. Gray stated that he would accept the \$4,500 with the hook up. A long debate then ensued pertaining to possible repercussions.

The next item (63) on the agenda was a discussion concerning a progress report on streets in Road Sales Tax Districts 3, 5, and 6. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne requested that the Administration get with Picciola & Associates to provide progress reports.

The next item (64) on the agenda was a discussion concerning an audit liaison to the Parish Council. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne asked for an update on the auditors. He said that the Council should have an audit liaison. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte to nominate Dr. Tommy Lasseigne as audit liaison to the Parish Council. A brief discussion ensued pertaining to the responsibilities of the audit liaison. The motion *carried* by a vote of seven (7) yeas and two (2) nays, that being of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and Mr. Phillip Gouaux.

The next item (66) on the agenda was a discussion concerning new developments and the cumulative effects of drainage. Mr. Tyrone Williams stated that he had complaints and concerns from residents in his district pertaining to a proposed subdivision. He said that a subdivision was proposed to be built in a flood zone. President Randolph said that a subdivision was being proposed near Pine Ridge Subdivision and the future development would cause severe drainage issues because the area is already completely flooded. She went into detail explaining the issues. Discussions ensued regarding drainage issues. Mr. Ray Cheramie said that he was doing some research along with Mr. Joe Picciola with Picciola & Associates on the possibilities of installing gates to control the drainage problems. He said that he would do his best to find solutions to the issues. Discussions continued pertaining to past proposed subdivisions and drainage in the area.

The next item (67) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the travel policy. Chairman Matherne stated that he needed some guidance from the Council pertaining to the travel policy. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais, for each Councilman to submit plans to the Chairman for a travel policy, so the Chairman can then put a fair and equitable plan together for the Council's review, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (68) on the agenda was a discussion concerning Hospital Service Districts No. 2 (Raceland) and No. 3 (Thibodaux). Mr. Daniel Lorraine stated that the boards presenting annual reports give the Public an opportunity to know what is going on. He requested that Hospital Service District No. 2 be sent a letter making it mandatory that they present a report. Mr. Lorraine said that if they would not come before the Council, that they would take appropriate action on possibly removing the board members. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, to have Hospital Service Districts No. 2 present a report within the next month or month and a half, and if they do not, to remove the board members. A brief discussion ensued pertaining to the District Attorney's opinion on the financial obligations to the hospital districts. The motion *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Michael Matherne.

The next item (69) on the agenda was a discussion concerning street lights. Mr. Daniel Lorraine spoke of the street lights and of the \$1.9 million surplus which was transferred from the street light fund. He then mentioned a report that was published in a local newspaper which stated that Lafourche Parish was the third dangerous parish in the state of Louisiana for driving. Mr. Lorraine requested that the Administration get with Entergy to do a study on lighting up the median on Highway 3235 because the lights on the highway are too far away from the road. He said that the highway was very busy and developing quickly. Mr. Lorraine continued with his concerns and requested that Administration come back to the Council with a report. President Randolph stated that the Administration was already working on such a proposal and that Entergy would be providing them with one. She said that it was at the request made in February by the South Lafourche Levee District to research the installation of street lights on Highway 3235. A brief discussion ensued on the time frame of the report and of other highways that should be considered.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, and **carried** by a vote of six (6) yeas and three (3) nays, that being of Mr. Michael Matherne, Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and Mr. Lindel Toups, to **open** a Two-Thirds Agenda.

TWO-THIRDS AGENDA

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The first item (1) on the two-thirds agenda was a proposed ordinance to provide for modifications to the domicile, purpose and duties of the Ambulance Service District No. 1 in Chapter 24 of Sub-Chapter Q at Sections 24:850 of the Code of Ordinances; to allow for the District to assist the Parish in providing EMT services to the Detention Center and staffing services to the Veteran's Memorial District. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE MODIFICATIONS TO THE DOMICILE, PURPOSE, AND DUTIES OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1

DISCUSSION

The next item (2) on the two-thirds agenda was a discussion concerning Road Sales Tax District No. 2. This item was pulled.

RESOLUTION

The next item (3) on the two-thirds agenda was a resolution to authorize the Administration to proceed with the expropriation process necessary to proceed with the Morristown Community Sewerage Project (CDBG Grant Program). A **motion** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte to adopt said resolution. The motion **carried** by a vote of six (6) yeas and three (3) nays, that being of Mr. Michael Matherne, Mr. Lindel Toups, and Mr. Phillip Gouaux.

RES NO. 05-084 PROCEEDING WITH THE EXPROPRIATION PROCESS

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays, to **close** the Two-Thirds Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

On **motion** by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council Meeting of March 22, 2005 **adjourned** at 10:15 p.m.

**MICHAEL MATHERNE, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

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