

APRIL 26, 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, APRIL 26, 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 6:01 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 Tyrone Williams. 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. Phillip Gouaux
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 April 12, 2005, Regular Session meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to accept the April 12, 2005 minutes. Mr. Cullen Curole, Parish Administrator stated, for clarification purposes, that the amendment to the ordinance (on page 9 of the minutes) regarding Item 15 - Larousse Boat Launch lease was to add the three names that were inadvertently omitted, and that no changes were made to the original dollar amount. The minutes were **approved** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

PROCLAMATIONS

The next item (2) on the agenda was a proclamation honoring the Raceland Bidy Basketball team and coaches for their accomplishments. This item was **deferred** because the coach was out of town.

PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

The next item on the agenda was the Public to address the Council. Ms. Dianna Dufrene from Des Allemands spoke in reference to the proposed noise ordinance. She handed out packets to the Councilmen and requested that they review the information which she had compiled on various noises ordinances, before they made a decision on the proposed noise ordinance. Ms. Dufrene complained about the noise from the air boats which interferes with and disturbs her daily life. She said that she believed that the proposed ordinance would not help as it was currently written and hoped that the Council would help with the situation. Ms. Dufrene continued with her complaints and stated that she was confused about the decibel levels. She invited everyone to go out to her residence to experience what they deal with on a daily basis. Ms. Dufrene asked for the Councilmen to call her if they had any questions that she may answer.

Mr. Vaniess Dufrene III, from Des Allemands, was the next person from the Public to address the Council. He said that he also had to deal with the noises from the air boats. Mr. Dufrene stated that he had attorneys look at the proposed noise ordinance and they did not find anything to assist with the air boats. He said it was vague and did not define air boat or any violations on any kind of boats. Mr. Dufrene stated that he researched noise ordinances from the surrounding parishes and found that they have specific air boat noise ordinances. He said that he would be happy to volunteer his time and the information that he had gathered to contribute input for a better noise ordinance.

Mr. Thomas Tabor with the Concerned Veterans' of Louisiana said that he hoped that the Councilmen and the Parish President had reviewed the information that was presented to them at the last meeting. He spoke of the processes being taken to build the "Hero's Monument" in Thibodaux. Mr. Tabor stated that the monument had three phases, the first was to purchase property. He said the "Hero's Monument" would consist of three monuments: for the Firemen, the Police, and the Military. Mr. Tabor said phase two was a museum for all three. He said that phase three would be a retirement home for the Veterans. Mr. Tabor explained what the monument could do for the area and what they were doing to make it possible. He continued with explanations and problems which arose. Mr. Tabor requested that the Councilmen help with making the monument a reality, short of a tax millage to purchase the property. He explained that they could not apply for grants because they were a 501C3 Organization and did not have the right classification. Mr. Tabor requested the Public and the Councilmen's support.

Mr. Daniel "Danny" Cavell was the next person to address the Council. He requested the Councilmen's support for nominations and an opportunity to fill the vacancy on the Hospital Service District No. 3 Board. Mr. Cavell introduced himself and stated why he thought he had the qualifications to continue making Thibodaux Regional Medical Center the first class facility that it presently enjoys.

PRESENTATIONS

The next item (3) on the agenda was a presentation by Mr. Milton Bourgeois with St. Ann General Hospital (Hospital Service District No. 2) to present an annual report. Mr. Milton Bourgeois, Chief Executive Officer of the St. Ann General Hospital, presented the annual report of the Hospital Service District No. 2 Board. Mr. Daniel Lorraine commended the hospital for having a great emergency room and staff. Mr. Lindel Toups told the Administrator to keep up the good work. Chairman Matherne asked Mr. Bourgeois when was the next available position to the Board. Mr. Bourgeois said that the next position (renewal) would be available in March of 2006. Chairman Matherne then asked if they were still affiliated with the Ochsner Health Group. Mr. Bourgeois replied that they do have an affiliation, that they were friends. He explained that they had affiliations of types with four facilities: Terrebonne, Ochsner, West Jefferson, and the Lady of the Sea. Mr. Michael Delatte thanked the Board for the report and said that they were still doing better than the Federal Government.

The next item (4) on the agenda was a presentation by Mr. Cecil Melancon with Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 6 (Thibodaux) to present an annual report. Mr. Cecil Melancon, Secretary of the Fire Protection District No. 6 Board, presented their annual report. He said that they were awaiting the results of the audit report. Chairman Matherne thanked Mr. Melancon and the Board for their outstanding work. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer thanked Mr. Melancon for the report and the volunteers for all the hard work that they do. He then questioned the purchasing of a fire truck and when it would go out for bids. Mr. Melancon asked Mr. Atzenhoffer if it was the fire department's purchase of a fire truck that he was inquiring about. After clarification, Mr. Melancon said that he believed that the fire department was in the process of purchasing a truck and not the Fire Protection District. He then deferred the question to Mr. Brian Fontenot with the Fire Department. Mr. Brian Fontenot stated that the bids were expected to go out in approximately 120 days.

The next item (5) on the agenda was a presentation by Mr. Harris Griffin with Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 9 (Gheens) to present an annual report. Mr. Harris Griffin stated that he was the District Chairman for Fire Protection District No. 9. He then presented the board's annual report. Mr. Lindel Toups said that he knew that the board had a rough year, but complimented them by saying that he also knew that they would come back strong. He then told them to feel free in giving him a call, if he could help in any way.

Next, a **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, to *deviate* to the **Two-Thirds Agenda** and open its **Executive Session**, along with the **Executive Session** on the **Regular Agenda**, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

TWO-THIRDS AGENDA

The first item (1) on the Two-Thirds Agenda was an Executive Session to discuss the Morristown Project regarding the requested expropriation of property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The next item (6) on the Regular Agenda was an Executive Session to discuss the professional performance of JBC/AIA.

Chairman Matherne requested that the record reflect that Parish President Charlotte Randolph, Parish Administrator Cullen Curole, and Library Board Director Beverly Arabie attended the Executive Session.

Next, a **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, to *close* the **Executive Session**, to *return* to the **Regular Agenda**, and to take any action necessary from Executive Session. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, to authorize the District Attorney to proceed with negotiations for the Morristown Project, and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Phillip Gouaux.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT(S)

The next item on the agenda was a presentation of any reports on the Parish. Parish President Charlotte A. Randolph gave a brief report on the Parish. She stated that the 2004 Census showed that the Parish grew by a count of 800 people. President Randolph said that made the Parish the ninth fastest growing parish in the State. She said that she genuinely believed that it was due to the Council's leadership. President Randolph stated that the Royalty Funds were increasing. She said that the Parish would be receiving \$1.2 million in April. President Randolph said that \$890,000 was from a Chevron settlement and the remainder of the money was from the increase in royalty funds from the first three months of the year. She recommended that the Parish deposit the money in the Hurricane Disaster Fund. President Randolph also recommended that the Parish maintain the current level of millages. She then announced that Senator David Vitter and his staff would be visiting the Parish every third Wednesday of the month and would be using the Government offices to meet with area constituents.

Mr. Phillip Gouaux asked President Randolph what was the balance in the Road Royalty Fund because of the emergencies she had previously mentioned. He said that the Road Royalty Fund was used in the past for those purposes. She stated that some of the Road Royalty Fund was used for the locks in Golden Meadow, but was not sure of the exact figures.

Mr. Lindel Toups asked President Randolph about \$6 million for the Tenth Ward, that he had heard about over the radio. President Randolph allowed Mr. Brent Callais to respond to Mr. Toups' question. Mr. Callais stated that he had attended a meeting earlier that morning with President Randolph, Mr. Cullen Curole, Mr. Brennan Matherne, and Mr. Oneil Malbrough with Shaw Coastal regarding a series of grants by Senator Mary Landrieu. He said that the grants were expanded from Donaldsonville to Leeville. President Randolph said that the money would not be a lump sum, that it would be spread out throughout a number of years.

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, Inc. gave a brief update on the park levee road repairs in Oakridge Park in Golden Meadow. He said that bids would be taken on May 10th for the project. Mr. Plaisance noted that the new cost estimates would probably run over budget and would not be a negative change order. Mr. Lindel Toups asked Mr. Plaisance how much he thought that the project would cost. Mr. Plaisance responded that it may be doubled and that the bids could still be rejected by the Parish. Mr. Daniel Lorraine explained what the project consisted of and that the cost of material had gone up in the last six to eight months. He also said that the project would probably be scaled down and that the Town would hopefully assist with money. Mr. Brent Callais asked how long was the road. Mr. Plaisance responded that it was approximately 1,800 feet.

Mr. Robert Picciola with Larry J Picciola, Inc. reported on Road Sales Tax District 3, 5, and 6. He said that Project 5-A (Kraemer area) was currently out to bid. Mr. Picciola stated that they were currently reviewing the first copy of the Project 6-A plans (Raceland area) which was received and would be resubmitted to the design engineers by Friday. He said that they had not yet received any plans for Project 3-A (Bayou Blue area), but understood that it should be received by the end of the week. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne asked if any time line projections were done. Mr. Picciola responded that they were in the process of doing so, but felt that the most important thing was to get the projects reviewed, back to the design engineers, and resubmitted before giving an overall time line. Dr. Lasseigne asked if approximately twenty packets were expected. Mr. Picciola responded that it was approximately twenty. He explained that the Parish authorizes when the next project can begin. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer requested an estimated bid date for Project 3-A. Mr. Picciola responded that they were waiting for the plans to be received. Mr. Atzenhoffer asked for a bid date on Project 5-A. Mr. Picciola estimated that Project 5-A

may go out for bids on May 19th. Mr. Atzenhoffer then asked for a bid date on Project 6-A. Mr. Picciola explained that the plans for Project 6-A would be resubmitted on Friday, go out for bids once the necessary changes were received, approved, and issued a letter authorizing the bid. He said that changes needed to be made to the plans of Project 5-A and that they intended on doing them by addendum. Mr. Lindel Toups requested an update on the Rita area project by the next meeting. Mr. Picciola said that he hoped that he could give better estimates by that time. Chairman Matherne asked if the packets were being released in sequence to allow for the contractors to move from one job to another. Mr. Picciola said that Chairman Matherne was correct in his statement and further explained the processes.

Ms. Heather Klingman, with Duplantis Design Group, gave a brief update on the Marydale Community Waterline Improvements Project. She stated that the plans were complete, ready for advertising, but was awaiting servitudes.

LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT

The next item on the agenda was to relinquish time to the Lafourche Parish Legal Advisor. District Attorney Camille Morvant asked if there was any questions, but did not give any reports.

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 (7) on the agenda was an ordinance providing a variance from the Lafourche Parish Subdivision Regulations at Robichaux/Keller Subdivision (Ward 3, District 5) as recommended by the Lafourche Parish Planning Commission at their February 24, 2005 meeting. 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. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne. Mr. Atzenhoffer explained that this item had gone before the Planning Commission and was approved. The ordinance *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3587 ROBICHAUX/KELLER SUBDIVISION VARIANCE

The next item (8) on the agenda was an ordinance to rewrite Sub-Chapter "F" of Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances relative to strengthening and providing a more enforceable noise ordinance. Chairman Matherne asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Mr. Vaniess Dufrene said that he believed that this item should be tabled until it could be further researched by the Council, instead of it passing in an incomplete/insufficient form. He requested that the Council reconsider passing the ordinance in its current form because he believed that it would not help anyone in the Parish. Mr. Arthur Matherne of Des Allemands stated that he was the person who ran the air boat tour services and was present to defend himself from the complaints as he did two years ago. He said that the Parish Council had asked him to consider going out 1/4 mile away from any residences because of legal issues. Mr. Matherne stated that he was abiding by their request. He said that he had calibrated instruments that gauged the sounds at 500 feet, 1000 feet, and 1500 feet. Mr. Matherne stated that he was legal at 500 feet, but he doubles the legal amount. He suggested that anyone concerned go out and check his boats with instruments to test the noise levels. Ms. Dianna Dufrene said that there was disagreements with what Deputies, Councilmen, and other Parish Officials had told her in previous discussions regarding this matter. She added that she had spoken with Senator Reggie Dupre and that he told her that there was presently a bill in Legislation giving back Jefferson Parish the authority to govern the Intracoastal Canal. Mr. Cullen Curole suggested, on behalf of the Administration and of the Public, that the Council agree to wait two weeks before coming to a vote on the ordinance. He said that they were working with the Sheriff's Office, had received proposed amendments, that it was a complicated issue/ordinance, and that

it would not harm anyone to wait to have a better/enforceable noise ordinance. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Delatte and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to *defer* this item until the next meeting. A brief discussion ensued regarding the reasons for amending the existing noise ordinance. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORDINANCE WAS DEFERRED

The next item (9) on the agenda was an ordinance authorizing the Parish President to enter into an Act of Donation to acquire property belonging to Mr. Terrell Broom, in the facilitation and subsequent to the implementation of the FY02 LCDBG Program, Morristown Community Sewer System Project, Raceland, Louisiana, and to execute any and all documents pertaining to said Act of Donation. 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. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais. The ordinance *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3588 ACT OF DONATION, ACQUIRING MR. TERRELL BROOM PROPERTY

The next item (10) on the agenda was an ordinance to amend Sections 9:1-32, 9:99, 9:151-154, and 9:157-165 of the Code of Ordinances relative to strengthening nuisance ordinances. 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. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to *defer* this item until the May 24th Council meeting. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORDINANCE WAS DEFERRED

The next item (11) on the agenda was an ordinance approving a right-of-way agreement between Lafourche Parish Government and Jacques Culver for flowage easement in the Fantastic Acres Pump Station Outfall area west of Mathews. 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. Phillip Gouaux. The ordinance *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3589 JACQUES CULVER, RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT

The next item (12) on the agenda was an ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 3533 and enact a new ordinance accepting ownership of whatever rights the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may own in and to the aforesaid portion of Louisiana Highways as a binding agreement between the State of Louisiana and Parish of Lafourche provided the Department of Transportation and Development complies with the conditions described herein and authorizing the Parish President to execute the instruments to transfer the aforesaid property once the condition of this agreement are met. 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 and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais. Mr. Daniel Lorraine cautioned this issue because of recent pavings on portions of the highway. He asked that Mr. Cullen Curole explain what was going to be done before we accept the ownership. Mr. Cullen Curole explained that there would be agreements with the State and the Parish before the acceptance and transfer. President Randolph clarified that the State was required to maintain the highway until the turn-over. A brief discussion continued regarding the agreements. Mr. Toups requested that the records show that he did not agree, that the Administration did, and that he voted against it. The ordinance *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3590 RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 3533

The next item (13) on the agenda was an ordinance approving and authorizing the purchase of property from Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cut Off located between the Cut Off Youth Center and Louisiana Highway 3235 in order to construct a community park, including a walking trail for public use; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer said purchase. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. District Attorney

Morvant questioned the property description because it did not show exactly what the Parish would be purchasing. He suggested that the Council get the property surveyed before the purchase to show exactly what the Parish would be receiving. Mr. Brent Callais stated that he was going to propose an amendment to increase the amount of \$43,900 to \$46,000, to provide for the property to be surveyed, and pending the approval upon completion of the survey. District Attorney Morvant strongly recommended that the Council defer this item until the property was surveyed. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to *defer* this item until the completion of a survey. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORDINANCE WAS DEFERRED

The next item (14) on the agenda was an ordinance approving a right-of-way agreement between Lafourche Parish Government and Acadian Gas Pipeline System in association with the Marydale Waterline Project in Thibodaux. 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. Tyrone Williams and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne. The ordinance *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3591 ACADIAN GAS PIPELINE SYSTEM, RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT

The next item (15) on the agenda was an ordinance authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of \$2,500,000 of Public Building Bonds, Series 2005, of the Parish of Lafourche; prescribing the form, term and conditions of the bonds; designating the date, denomination and place of payment thereof in principal and accrued interest; authorizing the agreement with the Paying Agent; providing for the acceptance of an offer for the purchase of the Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. 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 and seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte. Dr. Lasseigne asked Ms. Meredith Hawthorne, Bond Attorney from Foley and Judell Law Firm, about the building bonds and if they needed to be bank qualified. Ms. Hawthorne said that the bids went out to the banks because they needed tax exempt papers. She said that they were receiving tax exempt rates, but not receiving further benefits of a bank deductibility. Ms. Hawthorne said that a very competitive rate of 4.1% was received from Hancock Bank. She said that two bids were received from Hibernia and Hancock. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne asked if it did not matter about the \$10 million and the others not being bank qualified. Ms. Hawthorne explained that the IRS deems any issuer who issues in an excess of \$10 million in any calendar year to not meet such requirements. She also explained a provision, that they can be refunded in 2006, if no more bonds were done. Ms. Hawthorne said that the bids were just received at noon, the 4.1 % interest rates needed to be inserted, and that Hancock Bank of Louisiana was the purchaser and paying agent. An **amendment** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, to accept the amendments provided in the packets, 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. 3592 \$2,500,000 OF PUBLIC BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2005

The next item (16) on the agenda was an ordinance adding Section 24:1300 of Sub-Chapter "Y" of Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances by adding new sections relative to the creation of the Lafourche Parish Children and Youth Planning Board, in accordance with LA. R.S. 46:1941.1 et seq., as amended by Act 555 of 2004; establishing the composition of the board; providing for its functions and duties; and providing for other related matters. 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. An **amendment** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to meet the Sheriff's recommendations. Chairman Matherne explained that the ordinance would keep the Parish in compliance with the Louisiana Revised Statutes, which dictates that every Council have a Children and Youth

Planning Board. The amendment *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. 3593 ADDING SECTION 24:1300, CHILDREN & YOUTH PLANNING BOARD

The next item (17) on the agenda was an ordinance stating that no Lafourche Parish Board or Agency shall hold their board or committee meetings in conflict with the regularly scheduled Lafourche Parish Council meetings. 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 Mr. Gouaux what would be the penalty if they did not comply. Mr. Gouaux said that they sit at the pleasure of the Council and they could do away with the Board if they do not comply. The ordinance *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Michael Matherne.

**ORD. NO. 3594 BOARD OR COMMITTEE MEETINGS, CONFLICTING WITH
REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The next item (18) on the agenda was an ordinance establishing three-way stops at all intersections crossing Ayo Street in Raceland, Louisiana; requiring the installation of necessary 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. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. Mr. Lindel Toups asked if the Sheriff's Office had to do a study of the location. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer said that he spoke with the Sheriff's Office and that they did state a problem. He said that he was requesting the ordinance because the school buses stop at the corner intersections and that vehicles are not stopping for them. The ordinance *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3595 THREE-WAY STOPS, ALL INTERSECTIONS CROSSING AYO STREET

The next item (19) on the agenda was an ordinance increasing the speed limit of fifteen (15) miles per hour to twenty-five (25) miles per hour on Danos Street in Raceland, Louisiana, Ward 3, District 5 of Lafourche Parish; requiring the installation of necessary 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. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne. The ordinance *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 3596 INCREASING THE SPEED LIMIT OF FIFTEEN (15) MILES PER HOUR
TO TWENTY-FIVE (25) MILES PER HOUR ON DANOS STREET**

The next item (20) on the agenda was an ordinance creating an "Idle Speed Only" zone in the St. James Canal from its intersection with Louisiana Highway 20 in a westerly direction for a distance of 1,000 feet to the end of the Meadows Subdivision in Chackbay, Ward 6, District 2 of Lafourche Parish; allowing all law enforcement to enforce the ordinance; requiring the installation of necessary signs; and providing for penalties for violations 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 Mr. Phillip Gouaux. The ordinance *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3597 "IDLE SPEED ONLY" ZONE IN THE ST. JAMES CANAL

The next item (21) on the agenda was an ordinance permitting the Lafourche Parish Library Board of Control to implement plans to upgrade the Lafourche Parish Library System, to include the purchase of property for the Golden Meadow Library at a price of purchase of \$75,000; and authorizing the legally authorized officials to sign an Act of Cash Sale and any other documents pertaining thereto. 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. Atzenhoffer asked if the tanks were cleared. Mr. Callais explained that

a letter was received that showed no evidence of any found pollution and that it gave the building a clean bill of sale. Mr. Phillip Gouaux said that he thought that this was a pretty good deal and it would assist the lower part of the Parish, but he could not vote favorably on it until a business plan was received from the Library showing future cost and expenses. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne asked if there was a guarantee or insurance on the site assessment. He said that he thought that the District Attorney should look at it and give an opinion. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer said that the lab was still in existence, but was not sure if BMS was or not. He explained that there was no insurance if the company was not in business. Dr. Lasseigne asked if there was an urgency to passing the ordinance or if there was time for the Legal Advisor to look into the environmental downside of the matter. Mr. Atzenhoffer suggested that the Council defer the item for two weeks. Chairman Matherne asked Ms. Arabie if two weeks was alright to make sure it was done properly. Ms. Arabie's reply was yes, that it was alright to post pone the vote for two weeks. Mr. Lindel Toups mentioned that soil samples were done at the site in 1994 and again in 1996, but questioned if it was at the same restrictions of the present laws. A **motion** was then offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, to *defer* this item pending a review by legal council, and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Brent Callais.

ORDINANCE WAS DEFERRED

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

The next item (22) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance creating a policy that requires the parish logo imprinted on both sides of all parish vehicles and equipment. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE PARISH LOGO IMPRINTED ON BOTH SIDES OF ALL PARISH VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

The next item (23) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance amending Section 12:3 and adding Sections 12:3.1 through 12:3.8 of the Code of Ordinance of Lafourche Parish to provide for particular seats and definite terms for members of the Library Board of Control. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance. Mr. Lindel Toups asked Mr. Callais to clarify what he meant by particular seats. Mr. Callais stated that there was a lot of confusion when particular terms would expire because of all the changes that were made in the last Administration. He said that it would clarify the appointments and when their terms would end. President Randolph stated that Mr. Curole had hired an assistant, Mr. Lee Prosperie, and that he was working on updating the information for all the Boards and Commissions in the Parish. She said that Mr. Prosperie was assembling a database to alert the Administration when a position would become open and to begin the advertisements.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE PARTICULAR SEATS AND DEFINITE TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

The next item (24) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance amending and re-enacting Section 2:302 of Sub-Chapter "C" of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinance of Lafourche Parish as it pertains to the By-Laws and Operating Procedure of the Parish Council; Board Appointments. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE BY-LAWS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL; BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The next item (25) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance levying millages on the 2005 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Lafourche Parish Council (parish wide). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE LEVYING MILLAGES, PARISH WIDE, 2005 TAX ROLL

The next item (26) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance levying millages on the 2005 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Lafourche Parish Council (underlying districts). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE LEVYING MILLAGES, UNDERLYING DISTRICTS, 2005
TAX ROLL**

The next item (27) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance providing for a supplemental appropriation for the Lafourche Parish 2005 Operation and Maintenance Budget as provided for by Article VI of the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2005 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET,
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

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

RESOLUTIONS

The next item (28) on the agenda was a resolution requesting that the Parish President shall serve as a voting member on the Community Action Advisory Board. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Tyrone Williams, to take said resolution from the table, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Tyrone Williams, to adopt said resolution, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-106 PARISH PRESIDENT, COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD

The next item (29) on the agenda was a resolution approving an agreement for professional services from Ms. Marie Falgoust to assist in the interior design of the Council Chambers; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said contract. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. Mr. Brent Callais questioned why would the Council have to pay someone to design the Council chambers when the Director of Public Facilities could save the Parish money by choosing carpet and paint. Mr. Lindel Toups asked who was Ms. Falgoust and then requested that the Council vote against the resolution. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne agreed with Mr. Callais. Chairman Matherne explained that most of the work to revamp the Council chambers would be done in-house and that it would not require a lot of expenses from the Parish. He further stated what was the intentions and that he had requested that the Administration assist in finding an interior designer to help with the remodeling. Chairman Matherne requested that the Councilmen express their concerns. Dr. Lasseigne offered to find professionals to help, for free. Mr. Atzenhoffer questioned which engineer or architect firm was being hired to do the work. Mr. Brennan Matherne explained that it was put on the agenda for them to decide what they would like to do and that he would support the Council with their decisions, either way. Mr. Toups asked who recommended Ms. Falgoust. Mr. Matherne responded that she was recommended, that he had the recommendation, but was not sure who it was from. Mr. Toups requested that Mr. Matherne call him with that information. The resolution **failed** by a vote of two (2) yeas, that being of Mr. Michael Matherne and Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and seven (7) nays.

RESOLUTION FAILED

The next item (30) on the agenda was a resolution appointing to fill two (2) vacancies to the Lafourche Parish Library Board of Control. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Tyrone Williams and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer. Mr. Phillip Gouaux made a comment before the nominations were made regarding the process and time frame of advertisements. He stated that the vacancies were advertised for

only one day in the newspaper and that people would miss out on the opportunities to serve their Parish if they would miss that paper. Mr. Gouaux offered a **motion** that this item be deferred and re-advertised because it was an important board. He said that several people had approached him about applying, but they had not seen it in the paper, and then just missed the deadline. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer stated that the vacancies were also posted to the website allowing for ample time to apply. Mr. Gouaux made a comment pertaining to the website being fairly new to the Public. Chairman Matherne called for a second to the motion offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. Hearing none, the motion *died*, due to the lack of a second. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer nominated Mr. Eddie Hebert and was seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte. Mr. Brent Callais nominated Ms. Teresa Simoneaux and was seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine. Mr. Lindel Toups nominated Ms. Judy Babin and was seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne. President Randolph mentioned the lengths of the two terms and that they were not the same. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer suggested that the appointments be filled in the order of the nominations. The vote for **Mr. Eddie Hebert's** nomination *failed* by a vote of four (4) yeas, that being of Mr. Tyrone Williams, Mr. Michael Delatte, Mr. Michael Matherne, and Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer; and five (5) nays, that being of Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, Mr. Lindel Toups, Mr. Phillip Gouaux, Mr. Brent Callais, and Mr. Daniel Lorraine. The vote for **Ms. Teresa Simoneaux's** nomination *passed* by a vote of five (5) yeas, that being of Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, Mr. Lindel Toups, Mr. Brent Callais, and Mr. Daniel Lorraine; and four (4) nays, that being of Mr. Tyrone Williams, Mr. Michael Delatte, Mr. Michael Matherne, and Mr. Phillip Gouaux. The vote for **Ms. Judy Babin's** nomination *passed* by a vote of six (6) yeas, that being of Mr. Tyrone Williams, Mr. Michael Delatte, Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, Mr. Lindel Toups, Mr. Brent Callais, and Mr. Daniel Lorraine; and three (3) nays, that being of Mr. Michael Matherne, Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and Mr. Phillip Gouaux. Mr. Atzenhoffer thanked Ms. Marilyn Duet for the time which she had served on the Board. Dr. Lasseigne requested a point of clarification on who would serve for each vacancy. Ms. Sheila Boudreaux, Council Clerk, stated that Ms. Teresa Simoneaux would replace Ms. Marilyn Duet (to serve a five-year term ending March 13, 2010) and that Ms. Judy Babin would replace Mr. Donovan Toups (to fulfill an unexpired term ending June 10, 2007).

RES NO. 05-107 FILLING TWO VACANCIES, LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

The next item (31) on the agenda was a resolution appointing to fill one (1) vacancy to the Hospital Service District No. 3 Board (Thibodaux). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne. Mr. Michael Delatte nominated Mr. Daniel Cavell and was seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer. Mr. Brent Callais nominated Dr. Donald Ayo and was seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. The vote for **Mr. Daniel Cavell's** nomination *passed* by a vote of six (6) yeas, that being of Mr. Tyrone Williams, Mr. Michael Delatte, Mr. Michael Matherne, Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and Mr. Lindel Toups; and three (3) nays, that being of Mr. Phillip Gouaux, Mr. Brent Callais, and Mr. Daniel Lorraine. Mr. Daniel Cavell said that he was humbled by the votes of confidence and was looking forward to serving the citizenry of Lafourche Parish Hospital District No. 3 to the best of his ability. He then recognized Mr. Harold Block for sitting on the Committee for the past 15 years. Mr. Block explained why he could not be reappointed to the Board, briefed the Council on Thibodaux Regional Medical Center, and thanked the Council for their support. He said that the patients, the staff, and the employees would also thank the Council for appointing Mr. Cavell to the Board because he would be a great member, a great guy, and a very good lawyer. Mr. Block said that it would be an asset to have another attorney on the five member board. Dr. Lasseigne thanked Mr. Block for all his work and that he deserved a lot of credit.

RES NO. 05-108 FILLING ONE VACANCY, HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 3

The next item (32) on the agenda was a resolution appointing to fill five (5) vacancies to the Fire Protection District No. 6 Board. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Tyrone Williams and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to reappoint the existing five members, which have submitted applications: Mr. Cecil Melancon and Mr. Terry Albert (to serve a one year term that expires April 30, 2006), Mr. Kenneth Dolen,

Mr. Kerry Alley, and Mr. Richard Williams, Jr. (to serve a two year term ending on April 30, 2007). The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-109 FILLING FIVE VACANCIES, FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6

The next item (33) on the agenda was a resolution opposing a one cent tax on fuel dedicated to the completion of Interstate 49 in the State of Louisiana, and does urge and request the support of the Lafourche Parish Legislative Delegation and of Parishes throughout the State. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to adopt said resolution. Mr. Atzenhoffer stated that State Representative Billy Montgomery had proposed a one cent fuel tax to be dedicated to the construction of I-49 and to be removed from the tax roll upon completion. He said that I-49 was also critical to the development of the Parish. Mr. Atzenhoffer questioned the 17% overhead rating of the Department of Transportation and Development because the National average was only 6%. He explained that the engineering fees usually adds 12 to 15% and then the cost of doing business with a public entity adds another 10 to 12%. Mr. Atzenhoffer said that approximately 45% of the money would be lost before the project would actually begin. He expressed that DOTD could fund the project by getting better internally and dropping their overhead. Mr. Atzenhoffer then questioned when was the last time a tax was removed. He said that there should be a better way, instead of taxing the Parish some more. Dr. Lasseigne said that he would support the resolution because he understood what Mr. Atzenhoffer was asking. The motion *carried* by a vote of seven (7) yeas and two (2) nays, that being of Mr. Michael Matherne and Mr. Phillip Gouaux.

RES NO. 05-110 OPPOSING A ONE CENT TAX ON FUEL DEDICATED TO THE COMPLETION OF INTERSTATE 49

The next item (34) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to install red flashing lights on top of all stop signs located at 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 that it would be six beacon lights and that the cost would not be as much as someone's life. He said that the six locations were: one at the south end of Golden Meadow (from LA 1 to HWY 3235), one by Wal-Mart, one at the Cote Blanche Connection, Larose would have two, and then one at Bourg/Larose. Mr. Phillip Gouaux asked if the State was installing the lights and that the Parish would be maintaining them. Mr. Lorraine said that it was to ask the State to do the same as they did in Leesville, where caution lights were installed. He said that the Parish had paid to install them and also maintains them. Mr. Lorraine explained that all the State would be asked for was their permission to use their property. A brief discussion continued regarding the type of lights. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-111 INSTALLING RED FLASHING LIGHTS ON TOP OF ALL STOP SIGNS LOCATED AT INTERSECTIONS IN THE WARD 10 AREA

The next item (35) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to install a turning lane on Louisiana Highway 1 and 308 at the Bollinger Bridge, south of Lockport. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to adopt said resolution. Mr. Lindel Toups asked if it should state "*the Belle View Bridge*" instead of "*the Bollinger Bridge*". Mr. Gouaux said that the State carries it as the Bollinger Bridge. An **amendment** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, to add "*also known as the Belle View Bridge*", 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. 05-112 INSTALLING A TURNING LANE AT THE BOLLINGER BRIDGE

The next item (36) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to clean out culverts along Louisiana Highway 3235 across from Earl's Place and by Air Logistics, Ward 10 of Lafourche Parish. 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. 05-113 CLEANING OUT CULVERTS ALONG LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 3235

The next item (37) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to clean out culverts under Louisiana Highway 308 at its intersection with East 16th Street. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-114 CLEANING OUT CULVERTS UNDER LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 308

The next item (38) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to clean out all culverts along Louisiana Highway 3235, Ward 10 of Lafourche Parish. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais 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. 05-115 CLEANING OUT ALL CULVERTS ALONG LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 3235

The next item (39) on the agenda was a resolution approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Lafourche Parish Government and Restore or Retreat, for the 2005 Membership in Restore or Retreat, for \$35,000 for its efforts to urgently achieve comprehensive coastal restoration and awareness for coastal erosion in Louisiana and to create and provide information and educational materials on this critical issue and shall not be used to support a passage of a specific tax; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and all relevant documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to adopt said resolution. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne questioned the amount of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and what the Parish actually receives for the funds. Mr. Daniel Lorraine stated that it should be \$50,000 because a previous Council had amended it as such. Mr. Cullen Curole said that his understanding was \$35,000. A brief discussion ensued regarding the amount. Mr. Gouaux explained that the Council had passed an ordinance that requires that all non-profit organizations requesting money from the Parish to provide a full audit report to the Council. Mr. Atzenhoffer explained why he agreed with Dr. Lasseigne regarding Restore or Retreat being a private organization. Mr. Callais said that Mr. Lorraine was right in the amount being \$50,000 and requested that someone from Restore or Retreat to explain. Ms. Simone Theriot, Executive Director of Restore or Retreat, explained the study and contributions necessary. Mr. Lorraine requested that the amount stay at \$50,000. A brief discussion continued regarding the study. President Randolph requested that the Council consider the funding. Mr. Curole explained that the studies provide for projects to be considered because the Federal Government requires that a study be done. Discussions continued regarding the funds. An **amendment** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, to state *“up to \$50,000”*, and *carried* by a vote of seven (7) yeas and two (2) nays, that being of Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer. The original motion *carried* by a vote of seven (7) yeas and two (2) nays, that being of Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer.

RES NO. 05-116 2005 MEMBERSHIP, RESTORE OR RETREAT, COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT

The next item (40) on the agenda was a resolution accepting the low bid of Byron E. Talbot Construction, Inc. for the renovations and addition to the Lafourche Parish Health Unit; and authorizing the Parish President to sign and administer said contracts. A **motion** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and seconded by Mr. Tyrone Williams to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer.

RES NO. 05-117 BYRON E. TALBOT CONSTRUCTION, INC., LAFOURCHE PARISH HEALTH UNIT, RENOVATIONS AND ADDITION

The next item (41) on the agenda was a resolution approving a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between South Lafourche Levee District and Lafourche Parish Government, including an initial release of \$1,250,000, to begin construction and up to \$2,000,000 in future funding over the next three (3) years. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to adopt said resolution.

A detailed discussion ensued on the amounts of the funding and the ordinance process. A **motion** was then offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, to *defer* this item until the next meeting, and *carried* by a vote of five (5) yeas, that being of Mr. Tyrone Williams, Mr. Michael Matherne, Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, Mr. Lindel Toups, and Mr. Phillip Gouaux; and four (4) nays, that being of Mr. Michael Delatte, Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, Mr. Daniel Lorraine, and Mr. Brent Callais.

RESOLUTION WAS DEFERRED

The next item (42) on the agenda was a resolution approving Change Order No. 1 to Williams Scotsman, Inc. as an increase in the contract amount by \$5,500 for the Gheens Library; and authorizing the Parish President to sign said change order. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to adopt said resolution. A discussion ensued pertaining to lowering the amount. A **motion** was then offered by Mr. Lindel Toups, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, to *defer* this item until the next meeting, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RESOLUTION WAS DEFERRED

The next item (43) on the agenda was a resolution authorizing the Lafourche Parish Government to prepare and submit a pre-application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for assistance in the implementation of a project for the purpose of reducing existing flood damages; providing for the necessary documentation of said flood damages; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais 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. 05-118 PREPARING AND SUBMITTING A PRE-APPLICATION TO THE STATEWIDE FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAM

DISCUSSIONS

The next item (44) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the Morristown Project. This discussion item was *pulled*.

The next item (45) on the agenda was a discussion concerning Road Sales Tax Districts 3, 5, and 6. This discussion item was *pulled*.

The next item (46) on the agenda was a discussion concerning setting time limits on the length of Council meetings. Mr. Phillip Gouaux suggested that the Council do some brainstorming to shorten the Council meetings because they do not do any justice to the items that are latest on the agenda, due to fatigue. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne said that they could all leave whenever they wanted, if they wanted/had to, or not come at all. He said to leave if you are tired because he thought that it would be unfair to have a time limit. A brief discussion continued regarding the meetings.

The next item (47) on the agenda was a discussion concerning employee count for civil service and non-civil service employees, and requesting the estimated monthly costs and cost/change per month for the last year. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne said that he spoke with President Randolph regarding this item. He explained what he was asking and why.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, to *open* the **Two-Thirds Agenda**, and *carried* by a vote of six (6) yeas and three (3) nays, that being of Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and Mr. Brent Callais.

TWO-THIRDS AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

The next item (2) on the Two-Thirds Agenda was a resolution ratifying the appointment of Mr. Willis Toups as the Town of Golden Meadows representative to the Lafourche Parish Home Mortgage Authority. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais to adopt said resolution. Chairman Matherne explained that there was also an "at large" appointment to the Board and

that an application was received for the vacancy. An **amendment** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte, to also **“appoint Mr. John Lajaunie to sit on the Board, for the at large appointment”**, 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. 05-119 LAFOURCHE PARISH HOME MORTGAGE AUTHORITY

The next item (3) on the Two-Thirds Agenda was a resolution supporting Senate Bill No. 187 to provide that certain federal revenues received by the state generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas activity shall be credited to the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund and used only for certain purposes. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and was unanimously seconded to adopt said resolution. A brief discussion ensued regarding the intent of the funds. The motion **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-120 SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 187

The next item (4) on the Two-Thirds Agenda was a resolution supporting Senate Bill No. 195 to provide for deposit into Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund and uses of certain federal revenues generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas activity. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, unanimously seconded, to adopt said resolution, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-121 SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 195

The next item (5) on the Two-Thirds Agenda was a resolution to hire J. Wayne Plaisance to survey the Sacred Heart property, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte, to adopt said resolution, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-122 HIRING J. WAYNE PLAISANCE TO SURVEY THE SACRED HEART PROPERTY

DISCUSSION

The next item (6) on the Two-Thirds Agenda was a discussion concerning the drainage situation near West Camelia and Pine Ridge Subdivision areas. Mr. Tyrone Williams said that he had been questioned by his constituents regarding the drainage situation near West Camelia and Pine Ridge Subdivision. He asked Mr. David Waitz if any drainage studies were done. Mr. David Waitz of David Waitz Engineering and Surveying, Inc. responded as to not recently and that they went through the Planning Commission. He explained how the original plans were cut in half because there was more lots in the development than what the Planning Commission had approved of. Mr. Waitz said that they were not doing anything with the unapproved portion at the present time and that they may in the future. He said that the residents were not opposing the first section, which is not in the flood zone. Mr. Waitz continued with his explanations of the area. A detailed discussion continued on the actual project, the areas being worked on, and what was approved.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, to **return** to the **Regular Agenda**, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ADJOURNMENT

On **motion** by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, seconded by Mr. Tyrone Williams, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council Meeting of April 26, 2005 **adjourned** at 9:31 p.m.

**MICHAEL MATHERNE, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

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