

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH LAFOURCHE

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009 AT 5:00 P.M., HELD AT THE MATHEWS GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 4876 HIGHWAY 1, MATHEWS, LA.

The Lafourche Parish Council was duly convened as the Governing Authority of said Parish by Mr. Jerry Jones, Chairman, who then stated that the Lafourche Parish Council was ready for the transaction of business at 5:00 p.m.

Proceedings of the meeting were called to order with the following:

PRESENT: Mr. Jerry Jones, Chairman Mr. Phillip Gouaux
 Mr. Michael Delatte Mr. Rodney Doucet
 Mr. Matt Matherne Mr. Daniel Lorraine, Vice-Chair
 Mr. Lindel Touns Mrs. Charlotte Randolph, Parish President

ABSENT: Mr. Louis Richard Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta

Chairman Jones announced that the invocation would be led by Mr. Rodney Doucet. The Council then recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chairman Jones.

Next, a **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Gouaux, to *open* the *Budget Public Hearing*, and *carried* by a vote of (7) yeas, (0) nays, and (2) absent.

FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The first item (1) on the agenda was a **Public Hearing for public comments on the proposed 2010 Operations and Capital Budgets for the Lafourche Parish Council.** Chairman Jones asked three times if anyone from the public wished to comment; hearing none, he moved on to the next item.

Next, a **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Doucet, to *close* the *Budget Public Hearing*, and *carried* by a vote of (7) yeas, (0) nays, and (2) absent.

REVIEW

2010 OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE BUDGET & CAPITAL BUDGET

The next item on the agenda was a **review of the 2010 Operations and Maintenance Budget and the Capital Budget for the Lafourche Parish Council, which were as follows.** Chairman Jones asked if anyone from the Council had any questions regarding the following items, when hearing none he would go on to the next fund item. The Councilmen asked for clarifications, explanations, and for further information on several of the funds; in which Administration answered them to the best of their knowledge and in detail, or if they did not readily have an answer they stated that they would soon get that information to them.

1.) **Fund 001 - General Fund** - City Court, District Court, District Attorney, Clerk of Court, Court Reporter, Elections, Registrar of Voters, JPS/Constables, Community Services, Legislative, Finance, Executive, Purchasing, Risk Management, Human Resources, Civil Service, Information Technology, Planning/Zoning, 911, Corrections, Parish Coroner, Public Works, Coastal, Energy & Environmental, Grants, Economic Development, and County Agent.

- 2) **Fund 106 - Road Sales Tax District No. 2**
- 3) **Fund 112 - Criminal Jury Fund**
- 4) **Fund 113 - Criminal Court Fund**
- 5) **Fund 114 - Special District No. 1**
- 6) **Fund 115 - Off Duty Witness Fund**
- 7) **Fund 121 - Drug Court**
- 8) **Fund 124 - IV-D**
- 9) **Fund 130 - Head Start**
- 10) **Fund 131 - CACFP-Head Start**
- 11) **Fund 141 - CACFP Program**
- 12) **Fund 142 - OCA General Fund**
- 13) **Fund 143 - Weatherization**
- 14) **Fund 144 - LIHEAP**
- 15) **Fund 150 - CSBG**
- 16) **Fund 154 - TANF**
- 17) **Fund 160 - Road Sales Tax District A**
- 18) **Fund 161 - Road Sales Tax District No. 2**
- 19) **Fund 181 - Coastal Zone Management**
- 20) **Fund 183 - Christmas Tree Program**
- 21) **Fund 184 - CIAP Funds**
- 22) **Fund 185 - Beachfront Development**
- 23) **Fund 195 - Morristown Sewerage District**

- 24) **Fund 196 - FEMA Acquisition /Elevation**
- 25) **Fund 201 - Road Sales Tax District No. 2 - Construction**
- 26) **Fund 206 - Road Sales Tax District A - Construction**
- 27) **Fund 299 - Capital Projects Fund**
- 28) **Fund 302 - Sinking Fund - Building and Road Sales Tax, Districts 3,5,6 (Old)**
- 29) **Fund 311 - Sinking Fund - Series 2003**
- 30) **Fund 313 - Reserve - Road Sales Tax District No. 3, 5, 6 (2005 Bonds)**
- 31) **Fund 314 - Sinking Fund - Road Sales Tax District No. 3, 5, 6 (2005 Bonds)**
- 32) **Fund 317 - Sinking Fund - Road Sales Tax District A**
- 33) **Fund 318 - Sinking Fund - Road Sales Tax District 2 (2008 Bonds)**
- 34) **Fund 501 - Marydale Sewerage**
- 35) **Fund 502 - Brocatto Sewerage**
- 36) **Fund 503 - Dugas Sewerage**
- 37) **Fund 504 - Rita Sewerage**
- 38) **Fund 505 - Morristown Sewerage District**
- 39) **Fund 601 - Internal Service Fund - Workers' Comp.**

2010 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The next item (2) on the agenda was amendments to the 2010 Operations and Capital Budgets as follows: *These amendments were discussed and voted on under their respective funds.*

Item (2a) which was to be proposed was: **AMENDMENT 2010-1-FERTITTA & RICHARD - OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE BUDGET: FUND 001 - GENERAL FUND ~ Decrease Fund Balance of General Fund No. 001 by \$10,000.00.**

Amendment 1 <i>2010 Operations and Maintenance Budget</i>	Amendment 1 <i>2010 Operations and Maintenance Budget</i>
Decrease General Fund (001) Fund Balance \$10,000	JUSTIFICATION: To support Commission For Women Organization
Increase Transfer Out Commission For Women (126) \$10,000	ESTIMATED COSTS: \$10,000
Increase Transfer In Commission For Women (126) \$10,000	METHOD OF FINANCING: General Fund
Increase Other Services \$10,000	ESTIMATED TIME SCHEDULE: N/A
	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE/OPERATION COSTS: -0-

President Randolph expressed that she was not really comfortable discussing this item without the two sponsoring Councilmen being absent; in that she would have preferred to discuss such with them. She then explained that one of the things they did in preparation for the 2010 Budget was that they carefully looked at all external agencies, which they normally funded, and decided that they would not do so this year because it was a very conservative budget. President Randolph stated that there were four of them: the LA1 Coalition, Restore/Retreat, Bayou Counsel on Alcoholism, and the Commission For Women.

So, after brief discussion, it was decided that this item would be *deferred to the November 24, 2009 Lafourche Parish Council meeting*; which **carried** by a vote of (7) yeas, (0) nays, and (2) absent.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lorraine, seconded by Mr. Doucet, to propose item (2b), being: **AMENDMENT 2010-2-LORRAINE - OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET: FUND 161 - RSTD2 ~ Decrease Fund Balance of Road Sales Tax District 2 No. 161 by \$100,000.00.**

Amendment 2 <u>2010 Operations and Maintenance Budget</u>		Amendment 2 <u>2010 Operations and Maintenance Budget</u>	
Decrease RSTD 2 Fund No. 161-Fund Balance	\$100,000	JUSTIFICATION:	Provide grant to South Lafourche Veterans
Increase Miscellaneous (RSTD 2 Fund No. 161)	\$100,000	ESTIMATED COSTS:	\$100,000
		METHOD OF FINANCING:	RSTD 2-Fund Balance
		ESTIMATED TIME SCHEDULE:	N/A
		ANNUAL MAINTENANCE/OPERATION COSTS:	-0-

Mr. Lorraine gave specific explanation and reasoning for proposing this amendment; in which several Councilmen and President Randolph expressed their opinions and concerns of doing so. Detailed discussion, debate, and further clarifications then continued in regards to such.

An **amendment** was made by Mr. Gouaux, making this *“contingent on approval from the District Attorney that it is legal to spend Road Sales Tax District 2 monies in the Tenth Ward, exclusively”*, seconded by Mr. Toups. Brief discussion and debate continued, along with further clarifications.

Another **amendment** was then made by Mr. Lorraine, in that he would like *to also include* that they put in the *Cooperative Endeavor Agreement that was signed with the Veterans and the Parish*, in that such *documentation* should be put in that amendment going to the District Attorney. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Gouaux, and **carried** by a vote of (7) yeas, (0) nays, and (2) absent.

The *original amendment* then **carried** by a vote of (7) yeas, (0) nays, and (2) absent.

The *amended Budget Amendment* next **carried** by a vote of (7) yeas, (0) nays, and (2) absent.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Gouaux, to propose item (2c), being: **AMENDMENT 2010-3-DOUCET -OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET: FUND 001 - GENERAL FUND ~ Decrease Fund Balance of General Fund (001) by \$20,000.00.**

Amendment 3 <u>2010 Operations and Maintenance Budget</u>		Amendment 3 <u>2010 Operations and Maintenance Budget</u>	
Decrease General Fund Balance (001)	\$20,000	JUSTIFICATION:	To provide monies necessary to operate the Legislative Department.
Increase Miscellaneous - (General Fund No. 001 - Legislative Department)	\$20,000	ESTIMATED COSTS:	\$20,000
		METHOD OF FINANCING:	General Fund
		ESTIMATED TIME SCHEDULE:	N/A
		ANNUAL MAINTENANCE/OPERATION COSTS:	-0-

After reading said amendment and with a brief discussion and explanation, it **carried** by a vote of (7) yeas, (0) nays, and (2) absent.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2010 BUDGET

Councilmen asked various questions in regards to several particular line items in the Budget, requesting more details and clarifications; in which President Randolph and Ms. Chastity Himel in Finance obliged in answering and explaining such.

ADJOURNMENT

On **motion** by Mr. Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Toups, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council Special Meeting of **November 9, 2009 adjourned 6:03 p.m.**

JERRY JONES, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL

CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL