

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL
IN SPECIAL SESSION
JANUARY 4, 2024

The Inaugural Ceremony for the 2024-2028 Terrebonne Parish Council and Parish President commenced at 6:00 p.m. at the Barry P. Bonvillain Civic Center with an Invocation offered by Rev. James Morrison, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

The Presentation of Colors was presented by the Terrebonne Parish Color Guard. Assistant Council Clerk Keith Hampton led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the St. Matthew's Episcopal School Choristers who sang the National Anthem.

The Chairwoman, Ms. J. Domangue, called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. at the Barry P. Bonvillain Civic Center.

Upon roll call, Council Members recorded as present were B. Pledger, C. Harding, J. Amedée, J. Domangue, D. Babin, D. J. Guidry, and S. Trosclair. Council Members G. Michel and D. W. Guidry, Sr. were recorded as absent. A quorum was declared present.

The Chairwoman recognized the following officials who were in attendance:

State Representative Beryl Amedée
Judge Randall L. Bethancourt
Former Council Member Mart Black
Former Juror Allen Bonvillain
Former Parish President Michel Claudet
Council Member\ State Representative Jessica Domangue
Former Council Member Scotty Dryden
Former Representative/Senator Reggie Dupre, Jr.
State Senator Big Mike Fesi
City Marshall Herber Fitch
Mr. Christian Bergeron on behalf of Congressman Garrett Graves
Former Council Member Eulin P. Guidry
City Court Judge Matthew Hagen
School Board Member Greg Harding
Fire Chief Corey Henry
School Board Member Mike Lagarde
Constable Ward 4 Craig Luke
School Board Superintendent Bobby Orgeron
Former Council Member Wayne Thibodaux
Former Council Member Alvin Tillman
Justice of the Peace Daniel J. Trahan
School Board Member Maybelle N. Trahan
Judge John Weimer

Mr. B. Pledger read a memorial for the following deceased former elected officials then requested that a moment of silence be observed in honor of their memory:

Hon. Claude J. Bourg – City of Houma Alderman
Hon. Percy Gabriel, Sr. – Terrebonne Parish Police Juror and Councilman
Hon. Thomas “Kenneth” Watkins – Terrebonne Parish Police Juror
Hon. Barry Bonvillian – Terrebonne Parish Police Juror, Council Member, and Parish President
Hon. Larry Donaldson – City of Houma Alderman
Hon. Robert Marmande – Terrebonne Parish Police Juror
Hon. Nolan J. Bergeron, Jr. – Terrebonne Parish Council Member
Hon. Edward P. “Bubba” Lyons – Terrebonne Parish Juror, Mayor, and Parish President

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Hon. June LeCompte – Terrebonne Parish Police Juror
Hon. Dean Daigneault – City of Houma Alderman
Hon. Wade Use – City of Houma Alderman
Hon. Clayton Voisin, Sr. – Council Member
Hon. Julien D. Boudreaux, III – Terrebonne Parish Police Juror, and Council Member

The Chairwoman stated that she wished to honor and recognize the outgoing Council Members as service leaders and offered the following commendations and awards to that end.

Mr. J. Amedée read a memo from Parish President Gordon E. Dove, explaining his absence from the evening’s proceedings.

Mr. J. Amedée read a commendation recognizing and commending Council Member Gerald Michel for his years of service to Terrebonne Parish while serving as a Council Member.

Mr. C. Harding read a commendation recognizing and commending Council Member Jessica Domangue for her years of service to Terrebonne Parish while serving as a Council Member.

Mr. D. Babin read a commendation recognizing and commending Council Member Dirk J. Guidry for his perfect attendance and years of service to Terrebonne Parish while serving as a Council Member.

Mr. S. Trosclair read a commendation recognizing and commending Council Member Darrin W. Guidry, Sr. for his years of service to Terrebonne Parish while serving as a Council Member.

Mr. B. Pledger moved, seconded by Mr. J. Amedée, “THAT the 2020-2024 Terrebonne Parish Council adjourn ‘Sine Die’.”

The Chairwoman called for a vote of the motion offered by Mr. B. Pledger.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: B. Pledger, C. Harding, John Amedée, J. Domangue, D. Babin, D. J. Guidry, and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: G. Michel and D. W. Guidry, Sr.

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

It was at this time the 2020-2024 Parish Council was recorded as exiting the proceedings, followed by the 2024-2028 Parish Council entering the proceedings.

The Honorable Randall Bethancourt, 32nd Judicial District Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office for the Honorable Jason Bergeron, Parish President.

The Honorable Randall Bethancourt, 32nd Judicial District Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office for each of the 2024-2028 Terrebonne Parish Council:

The Honorable Brien Pledger – District 1
The Honorable Carl “Carlee” Harding – District 2
The Honorable Clayton Voisin – District 3
The Honorable John Amedée – District 4
The Honorable Charles “Kevin” Champagne – District 5
The Honorable Clyde Hamner – District 6
The Honorable Daniel Babin – District 7
The Honorable “Kim” Chauvin – District 8
The Honorable Steve Trosclair – District 9

Assistant Council Clerk K. Hampton of the called for nominations for the position of Council Chairperson.

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Mr. D. Babin moved, seconded by Mr. K. Champagne and Mr. C. Harding, “THAT Mr. John Amedée be nominated for the position of Council Chairperson for 2024.”

No further nominations for the position of Council Chairperson were offered.

Mr. D. Babin moved, seconded by Mr. B. Pledger, “THAT the nomination of Mr. J. Amedée be accepted, that Mr. Amedée be elected by acclamation as 2024 Chairman of the Terrebonne Parish Council, and that all further nominations be closed.”

Assistant Council Clerk Keith Hampton called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. Babin.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: B. Pledger, C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was adopted.

It was at this time Mr. J. Amedée assumed the Chair.

The Chairman thanked the Council for their support in his election as Council Chairperson and congratulated them on their own successful elections to become Council Members. He also thanked his wife State Representative Beryl Amedée and shared that he looks forward to working with Parish President Jason Bergeron and the Council on moving Terrebonne Parish forward.

The Chairman recognized past Council Clerks Paul Labat and Charlette Poche who were in attendance for the proceedings.

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Council Vice-Chairperson.

Mr. S. Trosclair moved, seconded by Mr. B. Pledger and Mr. C. Hamner, “THAT Mr. C. Harding be nominated for the position of Council Vice-Chair for 2024.”

No further nominations for the position of Council Chairperson were offered.

Mr. D. Babin moved, seconded Mr. S. Trosclair, “THAT the nomination of Mr. C. Harding be accepted, that Mr. C. Harding be elected by acclamation as 2024 Vice-Chairman of the Terrebonne Parish Council, and that all further nominations be closed.”

The Chairman called for a vote of the motion offered by Mr. D. Babin.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: B. Pledger, C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. C. Harding offered many thanks then shared his optimism for moving Terrebonne Parish forward with the collaboration of the Council and the Parish President.

Mr. D. Babin moved, seconded by Mr. S. Trosclair, “THAT the Council adopt ‘Robert’s Rules of Order’ as the rules of operation for the Terrebonne Parish Council.”

The Chairman called for a vote of the motion offered by Mr. D. Babin.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: B. Pledger, C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, and S. Trosclair

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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The Chairman read aloud a proposed resolution setting the Regular Council Meeting dates for the year 2024.

OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Harding
SECONDED BY: Mr. B. Pledger.

RESOLUTION NO.24-001

COUNCIL 2024 MEETING DATES

COMMITTEE MEETINGS – 5:30 p.m.	COUNCIL MEETINGS – 6:00 p.m.
January 9	January 10
January 22	January 24
January 23 Condemnation Hearings	
February 5	February 7
February 26	February 28
March 11	March 13
March 25	March 27
April 8	April 10
April 22	April 24
April 23 Condemnation Hearings	
May 6	May 8
May 20	May 22
June 3	June 5
June 24	June 26
July 08	July 10
July 22	July 24
July 23 Condemnation Hearings	
August 5	August 7
August 19	August 21
September 9	September 11
September 23	September 25
October 7	October 6
October 21	October 23
October 22 Condemnation Hearings	
November 4	November 6
November 18	November 20
December 2	December 4
December 16	December 18

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Regular Session Council Meetings shall begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room on the second floor of the Government Tower at 8026 Main Street, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council will schedule committee meetings on the Monday preceding the Regular Meetings of the Council as regularly as possible, however ****committee meetings** may be scheduled on a different day and/or at a different time, as decided upon by the Council; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council may call additional committee meetings and/or Special Sessions of the Council as deemed necessary.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: B. Pledger, C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, and S. Trosclair

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

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ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 4th day of January 2024.

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The Chairman recognized the following motion, seconded unanimously, "THAT the Council name the following individuals to serve as the 2024-2028 Council Staff:

Mrs. Tammy E. Triggs – Council Clerk
Mr. Keith Hampton – Assistant Council Clerk
Mrs. Charlie Howard – Senior Minute Clerk
Mrs. Elisha Smith – Minute Clerk."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS B. Pledger, C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, C. K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted by acclamation.

The Chairman recognized Hon. Judge Bethancourt and thanked him for performing the services, and all that he does for the community.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Jason Bergeron, Parish President, who congratulated the new Council then thanked his family for their attendance during the inauguration ceremonies. He then gave a brief overview of his past and future endeavors. He expressed that he looks forward to working with all Parish employees, Council, and the residents of Terrebonne Parish. He asked that he is held accountable, as he will do the same.

The Chairman recognized Rev. James Morrison of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church who offered the Benediction.

Mr. S. Trosclair moved, seconded unanimously, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned."

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. S. Trosclair.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: B. Pledger, C. Harding, C. Voisin, Jr., J. Amedée, K. Champagne, C. Hamner, D. Babin, K. Chauvin, and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

ELISHA SMITH, MINUTE CLERK

/s/JOHN AMEDÉE
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

/s/TAMMY E. TRIGGS, COUNCIL CLERK
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