

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL OF THE
PARISH OF ST. MARY, STATE OF LOUISIANA

APRIL 26, 2017
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Parish Council met on this date in Regular Session with Paul P. Naquin, Jr., Chairman presiding and the following members present: Rev. Craig Mathews, J Ina, Dale Rogers, Glen Hidalgo, Ken Singleton, Gabriel Beadle, James Bennett, Sterling Fryou, and Kevin Voisin. Absent was Pam Washington.

The Invocation was pronounced by Mr. Hidalgo and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Fryou moved that the reading of the minutes of the First Regular Meeting, April 12, 2017, be dispensed with and that the same be approved. Mr. Voisin seconded the motion, which carried.

Kristal Hebert, Executive Director of Arc of St. Mary Center of Hope along with Billy Duhon, Jr., employee of the Arc of St. Mary Center of Hope appeared before the Council to bring awareness about the program and to speak about vocational services and other opportunities.

Ms. Hebert informed that the Arc of St. Mary Center of Hope currently serves 19 individuals who range from the age of 18-67 and are registered voters that work, pay taxes and are active in the community.

The Center offers opportunities for employment at their Thrift Store, Horticulture Program, Recycling Program and they provide janitorial services for five (5) sites within St. Mary Parish.

Mr. Naquin informed that he will be sponsoring the annual Crawfish Boil for the Arc of St. Mary Center of Hope scheduled on May 15, 2017.

Mr. Voisin requested to move up Item 13A; "A Resolution congratulating the Morgan City Fancy Dancers for capturing the National High Kick Championship".

Mr. Beadle moved that the following Resolution be adopted. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Rev. Mathews, Messrs. Ina, Rogers, Hidalgo, Singleton, Beadle, Bennett, Fryou, Voisin and Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Washington

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Morgan City Fancy Dancers attended the American All Star United States Dance Team Championship at Disney World in Orlando, Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Morgan City Fancy Dancers captured the National High Kick Championship on March 18, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Morgan City Fancy Dancers received 1st Place in both Division 1 in the High Kick and Division 1 Hip Hop and 3rd Place Division 1 Pom, and

WHEREAS, the successful outcome for the Morgan City Fancy Dancers was the result of hard work and determination by the Coaches and the Fancies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Mary Parish Council does hereby congratulate the Morgan City Fancy Dancers on their Championship and division awards.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 26th day of April 2017.

APPROVED:

**PAUL P. NAQUIN, JR., CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

Ms. Courtney Price Matherne, Director of Morgan City Fancy Dancers appeared before the Council to introduce several members. She explained that Morgan City Fancy Dancers consists of 11 members that competed in Lafayette at Louisiana State Competition.

On behalf of Mr. Hanagriff, Mr. LaGrange reported that the Police Jury Association annual Legislative's Day is May 3, 2017.

Henry "Bo LaGrange, Chief Administrative Officer presented his report for a two (2) week period ending, April 26, 2017. (All items in Mr. LaGrange's report are informational.)

In response to Mr. Roger's inquiry in reference to the dirt pit on Prairie Road, Mr. LaGrange stated that the contractor has been contacted and the dust issue has been addressed.

Tammy Luke appeared before the Council to present the following items as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission at their April 17, 2017 Regular Meeting:

a. Recommend Re-zoning –

Name: Shakeel Shamsuddin
Address: 7716 Hwy. 182, Centerville, LA

Parcel Id# Sec. 5 T15S R10E; Parcel Id# 2564561021.00;
-Lot BD Verdun and/or RD-R Verdun- J Verdun-Hwy 90 Acq. 193 305059

Purpose: to rezone from Light Industrial (LI) Zoned District to General Commercial (GC) Zoned District-for a grocery/convenience store

Rezone from Light Industrial (LI) Zoned District to General Commercial (GC) Zoned District.

Mr. Voisin Recommend Rezoning for:

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Address: 7716 Hwy. 182, Centerville, LA

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Mr. Fryou seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Voisin moved that the Public Hearing Report, April 12, 2017 be approved. Mr. Singleton seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Rogers introduced the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO.

An Ordinance levying and imposing a tax of 5.72 mills for the purpose of maintaining and supporting the St. Mary Parish Public Library and its branches as directed by a special election held April 30, 2011 in the Parish of St. Mary, excluding the municipality of Morgan City, for the year 2017; and levying and imposing a thirty-one hundredths (0.31) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, excluding the City of Morgan City, for the year 2017.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the St. Mary Parish Council of the Parish of St. Mary, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on May 24, 2017, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the open meetings law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Constitution, that the taxing authority voted to adopt and impose the following millage rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2017, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

	<u>2017 Levy</u>
Library Tax (Maintaining and Supporting)	5.72
Library Tax (Debt Service)	0.31

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of St. Mary, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2017 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force upon publication in the official journal of the Parish.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this the 26th day of April 2017, having been published in accordance with law.

ORDINANCE NO.

An Ordinance levying a tax of 7.24 mills Parish Tax located outside the municipalities for all parochial purposes and segregating for local and parochial purposes and levying and imposing a 3.62 mills tax located within the municipalities to help defray the expenses of the Criminal Justice System of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the St. Mary Parish Council of the Parish of St. Mary, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on May 24, 2017, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the open meetings law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Constitution, that the following millage rate(s) be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish and within the incorporated municipalities and towns within the Parish for the year 2017, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

Parish Tax (Outside Municipalities Parochial Purposes) (Purpose of defraying the expenses of the Parochial Government, and for other legal purposes shown by the budget.)	7.24
Criminal Justice System Tax (Within the Incorporated Municipalities and Towns) (Purpose of helping defray the expenses of the Criminal Justice System of the Parish.)	3.62

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of St. Mary, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2017 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force upon publication in the official journal of the Parish.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this the 26th day of April 2017, having been published in accordance with law.

ORDINANCE NO.

An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendments).

WHEREAS, on March 12th, 2014, the St. Mary Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 1973 – St. Mary Parish Unified Development Code, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendments) provides a process for the official zoning district map to be amended, and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana:

SECTION I - That certain tract of land described in Exhibit “A” is hereby rezoned from the current zoning of Light Industrial (LI) to General Commercial (GC) Zoned District.

This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force upon publication in the official journal of the Parish.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this the 26th day of April 2017; having been published in accordance with law.

EXHIBIT "A"

Name: Shakeel Shamsuddin

Address: 7716 Hwy. 182, Centerville, LA

Parcel Id# Sec. 5 T15S R10E; Parcel Id# 2564561021.00;

-Lot BD Verdun and/or RD-R Verdun- J Verdun-Hwy 90 Acq. 193 305059

PURPOSE: to rezone from Light Industrial (LI) Zoned District to General Commercial (GC) Zoned District-for a grocery/convenience store

Rezone from Light Industrial (LI) Zoned District to General Commercial (GC) Zoned District.

Mr. Fryou moved that the following Resolutions be adopted. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Messrs. Ina, Rogers, Hidalgo, Singleton, Beadle, Bennett, Fryou, Voisin, Naquin and Rev. Mathews

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Washington

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Gravity Drainage District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2017, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Gravity Drainage District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on April 26, 2017, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, October 14, 2017, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana,

this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall Gravity Drainage District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a special tax of seven and eighty-three hundredths (7.83) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$530,240 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2018 and ending with the year 2027, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating gravity drainage works within and for the District?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 26th day of April 2017.

APPROVED:

**PAUL P. NAQUIN, JR., CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing David Hanagriff, the President of St. Mary Parish to execute a Participating Provider Agreement with Amerigroup Louisiana, Inc. d/b/a Amerigroup Community Care relative to Fairview Treatment Center.

BE IT RESOLVED, that David Hanagriff, President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute a Participating Provider Agreement with Amerigroup Louisiana, Inc. d/b/a Amerigroup Community Care relative to Fairview Treatment Center, with said contract to contain such terms, conditions and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 26th day of April 2017.

APPROVED:

**PAUL P. NAQUIN, JR., CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION

A Resolution providing for the approval and authorization for Change Order No. 3 relative to Morgan City Levee Improvements Project.

WHEREAS, a certain contract has been entered into between the St. Mary Parish Council and Southern Constructors, LLC, 6313 Highway 90 East, New Iberia, Louisiana 70560, relative to Morgan City Levee Improvements Project, and

WHEREAS, the items as shown on Change Order No. 3 will result in an increase of forty-three (43) working days in the contract time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Mary Parish Council does hereby approve the issuance of Change Order No. 3 covering an increase of forty-three (43) working days in the contract time for Morgan City Levee Improvements Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of St. Mary Parish, David Hanagriff, be and he is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 3 on behalf of the St. Mary Parish Council.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 26th day of April 2017.

APPROVED:

**PAUL P. NAQUIN, JR., CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION

A resolution supporting the TECHE Project relative to a grant application with the FHWA Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana (FRTPL).

WHEREAS, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Transportation Act provides funds to the State of Louisiana for grants to federal, state, local government agencies, non-profit organizations and commercial entities to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non- motorized trails; and

WHEREAS, the FHWA Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana (FRTPL) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the state and setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the program; and

WHEREAS, these regulations require an application to have a resolution of support from the local governmental body of the jurisdiction in which the proposed project is located;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Mary Parish Government does hereby endorse and support the application being submitted to the FRTPL by The TECHE Project.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 26th day of April 2017.

APPROVED:

**PAUL P. NAQUIN, JR., CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing David Hanagriff, the President of St. Mary Parish to execute a Land Owner Agreement with The TECHE Project relative to the Bayou Teche National Paddle Trail: Trailheads.

BE IT RESOLVED, that David Hanagriff, President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute a Land Owner Agreement with The TECHE Project relative to the Bayou Teche National Paddle Trail: Trailheads. , with said agreement to contain such terms, conditions and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 26th day of April 2017.

APPROVED:

**PAUL P. NAQUIN, JR., CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

Fire Protection District No. 2 (Centerville) - 2 Vacancies

No applications received.

Mrs. Morgan, Clerk, stated that present members Mr. Alton Broussard, Jr. and Mr. Wilson Judice telephoned after the deadline and requested to be reappointed to the Fire Protection District No. 2 Board of Commissions.

Mr. Rogers requested to move the appointments to May 10, 2017 Council meeting.

Fire Protection District No. 11 (Four Corners) – 1 Vacancy

No applications received.

Mrs. Morgan, Clerk, stated that Ms. Eva Rollins, present member, telephoned after the deadline and requested to be reappointed to Fire Protection District No. 11 Board of Commissions.

Rev. Mathews requested to move the appointment to May 10, 2017 Council meeting.

Waterworks District No. 6 (Jeanerette to Franklin area) – 1 Vacancy

No applications received.

Mr. Rogers reminded the Council to submit their financial disclosures by May 15, 2017.

In response to Mr. Beadle's inquiry concerning internet access in Jeanerette, Mr. LaGrange stated that Cox has been contacted to verify where their system ends in order to map out extensions and to verify the number of subscribers to justify the cost of extending the system.

Rev. Mathews suggested researching grant funding to help support the extension and Mr. Beadle further suggested contacting competitors such as AT&T.

There being no further business, Mr. Voisin moved for adjournment. Mr. Beadle seconded the motion, which carried.

Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk

Paul P. Naquin, Jr., Chairman