

MINUTES OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.

ST. TAMMANY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX

21490 KOOP DRIVE, MANDEVILLE, LA.

Call to Order by Honorable Richard E. Tanner, Chairman

Invocation by Dennis Sharp

Pledge of Allegiance by Chris Canulette

Roll Call: Marty Dean
Dennis Sharp
James A. (Red) Thompson
R. Reid Falconer, AIA
Martin W. Gould, Jr.
Jacob (Jake) Groby
Richard E. Tanner
Chris Canulette
E. L. Gene Bellisario
Maureen O'Brien
Steve Stefancik
Jerry Binder ABSENT
Richard Artigue RESIGNED
Thomas (T.J.) Smith, Jr.

PURSUANT TO L.A. R.S. 42:19.1

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ACTION REGARDING AD VALOREM

Tanner - Notice is hereby given that Road Lighting District No. 17 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana will meet on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., at the St. Tammany Parish Government Complex, 21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville, LA, at which time there will be consideration of action regarding the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax within the District.

SPECIAL MEETING TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCY

Tanner - The purpose of this special meeting is to address the vacancy on the Parish Council created by the resignation of Richard Artigue effective July 14, 2015.

Tanner - 1) Call for nominations to temporarily fill vacant position:

Tanner - everyone should have three resumes from the applicants for this position. We are going to call each applicant up alphabetically and allow each 5 minutes to tell about themselves and why they would like to be appointed.

Michele Blanchard - She has lived in District 13 since 2004 and was born at Slidell Memorial Hospital. She owns two businesses in the Parish, her law office and a real estate title company. She attended Southeastern and then transferred to Middle Tennessee University when she was offered a management position with O'Neil Theaters. While in Tennessee, she also interned with the Tennessee Legislature. She graduated with a BS in Political Science with an emphasis on Public Administration. While she attended LSU Law School, she also interned with the Louisiana Legislature. She has two children, ages 8 and 10. She's a member of the East St. Tammany Chamber, the Slidell Bar Association, and she attended Leadership Northshore and Leadership Louisiana. She also served as the Chairman for the Home Rule Charter Committee. She feels that all of her Public Service makes her qualified to serve as an Interim Council Member. She is self-made and a hard worker. She always gives 110%.

Smith - the position we are appointing tonight is only an interim position. Are you planning on seeking election?

Blanchard - yes, she is already an announced candidate.

John Cassisa - he has been a resident of St. Tammany Parish for 31 years, 30 of which have been in District 13. He ran for this position in 2002, but lost to Joe Thomas. He was previously employed with the Parish as a Contract Administrator in the Engineering Department . He served under 6 different directors until he was terminated when his position was phased out. He does not have anything else. He thinks his resume speaks for itself.

Smith - will you be seeking office?

Cassisa - no. He just wants to serve the Parish. He ran for office once, and he does not want to run again.

Tanner - Scott Jones is not here.

Canulette - he will read some of Mr. Jones' resume aloud. Mr. Jones has been married since 1989 and has 3 children. He attends First Baptist church in Slidell. He works as a Maritime attorney in Mandeville. He graduated from Loyola Law School, and is a member of the Louisiana Bar Association and the New Orleans Bar Association.

Stefancik - moved to nominate all three candidates, second by Bellisario. Unanimous with 1 absent (Binder) and 1 position vacant (District 13).

CLERK'S NOTE - a vote was taken by a vote sheet. The originals are in the Clerk's records.

Tanner - Ms. Blanchard has received a majority of the votes.

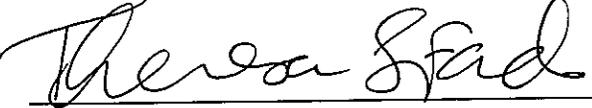
Tanner - 2) Resolution C.S. No. C-4403 - Resolution to appoint _____ to temporarily fill the vacant position of Parish Council Member, District No. 13. (Tanner)

Stefancik - moved to appoint Michele Blanchard, second by Bellisario. Unanimous with 1 absent (Binder) and 1 position vacant (District 13).

The individual appointed by majority vote (7) of the remainder of the Parish Council (13) shall serve as the representative for Council District No. 13 pending an election to be held in accordance with Section 2-04 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Tammany Parish and State Law.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman.


RICHARD TANNER, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN


THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK