

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY
THE ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2022**

The Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, met for a public hearing in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse Annex in Vacherie, Louisiana at 6:00p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 2022.

Those present were Council Members Alvin St. Pierre, Jason Amato, Ryan Louque, Mason Bland, Clyde Cooper, Donald Nash, and Chairwoman Vondra Etienne-Steib.

Chairwoman Etienne-Steib called the Public Hearing on the following items to order:

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 22-09, AN ORDINANCE TO AMENDING CHAPTER 98
“PUBLIC ROADS” OF THE ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO
REPEAL ARTICLE 2, SECTION 98-21 AND 98-22 AND REPLACE WITH SECTION 98-
21 AND 98-22 “INSTALLATION OF CULVERTS”**

President Dufresne explained this is a streamline process for residents because permits for culvert installation is no longer required. The work order system will be able to tract the culvert installations.

After the Council Secretary read aloud the proposed ordinance, Chairwoman Etienne-Steib called for comments from the Council and from the public.

No comments were received from the Council or from the public.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 22-10, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 82-25 OF
THE ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND TO AMEND THE ST. JAMES
PARISH GENERALIZED FUTURE LAND USE PLAN**

After the Council Secretary read aloud the proposed ordinance, Councilman Nash explained his purpose of putting it on the agenda is that this company has invested a lot of money into our community. He said he knows there is a lot of industry in that District. He said what we are doing is not allowing this company to build anything, the property that is currently there, from his understanding they are looking to possibly selling the property and upon selling the property, we are hoping to possibly have some type of green energy, and if it will bring economic growth, I can't see why we should limit a company from moving forward. If the property becomes available for future use, we all can benefit from it, if not, what happens to the property, it goes back to residential. He said he doesn't think the residential area has grown tremendously in the past 5-10 years. The industry has been there before his time and before a lot of individuals, in here, time. He said he is not supporting bringing more industry in, just give that company a fair chance to use that property for future use if it will benefit our community. He allowed the Company's representative, Greg Johnson to make a comment. Councilman Nash asked him how much of an investment has been made. Mr. Johnson said about \$70 million.

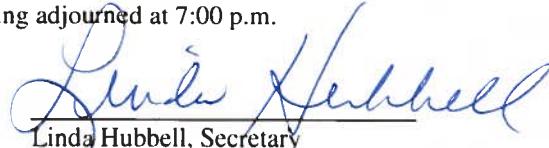
At this time the Council Secretary asked if everyone that wished to speak had turned in their public comment sheet.

The following made public comments:

Greg Johnson, 701 Poydras Street, Suite 5000 New Orleans, LA 70139
Desiree Lemoine, 4701 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70809
Connie Fabre, 10741 N. Oaks Hills Pkwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70810
Stephanie Cooper, 8143 Kingview Street, St. James, LA 70086
Chris Toenfer, 15073 Hunter Creek Court, Prairieville, LA 70769
Michael Huey, 415 Leeward Dr. Baton Rouge, LA
Gail LeBoeuf, 758 N. Ezidore, Gramercy, LA 70052
Lillie Pye, 6290 Burton Street, St. James, LA 70086
Corrine Van Dalen, 900 Camp Street, Unit 303, New Orleans, LA 70130
Justin Kray, 2433 Onzaga Street, New Orleans, LA 70119
Gary Silbert, 933 Arabella Street, New Orleans, LA 70115
Zora Djenohan, 3340 Esplanade Ave, Apt C. New Orleans, LA 70119
Myrtle Felton, 8222 Pleasant Hill Street, Convent, LA 70723
Barbara Washington, 8191 Pleasant Hill Street, Convent, LA 70723
Kathleen Favorite, 3882 1st Lane, Vacherie, LA 70090
Steven Nosacka, 606 N. Millet Street, Gramercy, LA 70052

ADJOURNMENT

After determining there was no additional business to come before the council, on a motion offered by Councilman St. Pierre and seconded by Councilman Amato and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Linda Hubbell
Linda Hubbell, Secretary