

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY
THE ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 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 Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

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

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 22-12, AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE
OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BY THE PARISH OF ST. JAMES**

After the Council Secretary read aloud the proposed ordinance, President Dufresne explained that this is to purchase land from the Hospital, adjacent to property that the Parish already owns to potentially design and construct a new multipurpose facility for the West Bank residents.

No comments were received from the Public. Councilman Bland questioned the price. President Dufresne indicated price was the appraised value.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 22-13, AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE
OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BY THE PARISH OF ST. JAMES**

After the Council Secretary read aloud the proposed ordinance, President Dufresne explained that this is to purchase a parcel of property adjacent to the parcel they are seeking to purchase from the Hospital, and also adjacent to parcels that the Parish already owns. These two properties together would enhance a more squared piece of property and would significantly increase infrastructure needs for the resident of St. James. He added that Hurricane Ida demolished the Senior Center and that building will eventually serve as the Senior Center until the new building can be constructed. Afterward, that facility will be used as an EOC warehouse for the West Bank.

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

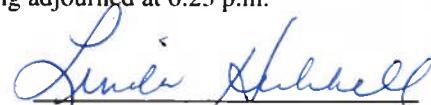
**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 22-14, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46-21
“CHRISTMAS LEVEE BONFIRES; PERMIT REQUIRED”, RELATIVE TO
CHRISTMAS BONFIRES**

After the Council Secretary read aloud the proposed ordinance, President Dufresne explained that this ordinance is to get more in line with the rules and regulations that we follow. Councilman Amato explained that Exhibit A is the requirements that allow the building of the bonfires on both the East and West Banks in association with the Pontchartrain Levee District and the Lafourche Levee District

No comments were received from the Public. The council then discussed changes to Exhibit A and will address them prior to adoption.

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 Bland and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Linda Hubbell
Linda Hubbell, Secretary