

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL
IN
SPECIAL SESSION
JANUARY 7, 2016

The Inaugural Ceremony for the 2016-2020 Terrebonne Parish Council and Parish President commenced at 6:21 p.m. at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center with an Invocation offered by Rev. Blair Mitchell of the Plymouth Rock Baptist Church.

The Presentation of Colors was performed by the Houma Police Department, after which, Houma Police Chief Dana T. Coleman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Alissa Thompson then sang the National Anthem.

The Chairman, Mr. P. Lambert, called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m. at the Houma- Terrebonne Civic Center.

Upon roll call, Council Members recorded as present were: J. Navy, A. Williams, G. Hood, Sr., B. Amedée, C. Duplantis-Prather, R. Hornsby, D. Babin, D. Guidry and P. Lambert. A quorum was declared present.

Councilwoman A. Williams read a memorial for the following deceased former elected officials and then requested a moment of silence was observed in honor of their memory:

Hon. Sgt. Isaac Thomas - Terrebonne Parish Police Juror
Hon. Ray B. Boudreaux, Jr. - Terrebonne Parish Councilman
Hon. James Collins - Terrebonne Parish Councilman
Hon. Robert Bergeron - Terrebonne Parish Police Juror, Councilman,
State Representative and Parish President

Councilwoman C. Duplantis-Prather recognized the following former and current elected officials in attendance this evening:

Ms. Beryl Amedée - State Representative-elect, District 21
Ms. Debra Benoit - Parish School Board Representative, District 5
Mr. Mart Black - former Council Member
Mr. I. Robert Boudreaux - former Clerk of Court
Mr. Orville Callahan - City Marshall and former Houma Police Chief
Mr. Joey Cehan - former Parish Council member
Mr. Robert Charles - former Interim Superintendent, Parish School System
Mr. Carl Chauvin - former Parish Council member
Mr. Michel Claudet - Parish President
Mr. Dana Coleman - Houma Chief of Police
Mr. Roger Dale DeHart - Parish School Board Representative, District 7
Mr. Gordon Dove - State Representative, District 52, and Parish President-elect
Mr. Todd Dufrene - Houma Fire Chief
Mr. Reggie Dupre Jr. - former Parish Council, State Representative and Senator
Mr. Loney Grabert - Parish Tax Assessor
Mr. Garret Graves - U.S. Representative 6th District
Mr. Matt Hagen - City Court Judge

Mr. Gregory Harding - Parish School Board, District 2
Mr. Billy Hebert - former Parish Council member
Ms. Sandy Holloway - BESE Board, District 3 Representative-elect
Mr. Paul Labat - former Council Clerk
Mr. Harold Lapeyre - former City Council and Parish Council
Mr. Jerry Larpenter - Parish Sheriff
Mr. David LeBouef - Constable and former Council member
Mr. Tanner Magee - State Representative-elect, District 53
Mr. Philip Martin - Parish School System Superintendent
Mr. Billy Nungesser - Plaquemines Parish President and Lt. Governor-elect
Mr. Juan Pickett - 32nd JDC Judge, Division C
Ms. Theresa Robichaux - Clerk of Court
Ms. Linda Rodrigue - former Registrar of Voters
Ms. Rhonda Rogers - Registrar of Voters
Mr. Roosevelt Thomas - Parish School Board Representative District 1
Mr. Clayton Voisin - former Parish Council member
Mr. John L. Weimer - Court of Appeal Judge 1st Circuit, 1st Dist., Div. C
Ms. Lenar Whitney – State Representative, District 53
Mr. Jerome Zeringue - State Representative-elect, District 52

Councilman P. Lambert expressed to the incoming Council and Officers to never forget where they came from and noted that the people need them.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis-Prather, “THAT, the 2012-2016 Terrebonne Parish Council adjourn ‘Sine Die’.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: J. Navy, A. Williams, G. Hood, Sr., B. Amedée, C. Duplantis-Prather, R. Hornsby, D. Babin, D. Guidry and P. Lambert.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Council Clerk Venita Chauvin introduced the incoming 2016-2020 Terrebonne Parish Council and Parish President.

The Honorable Theresa A. Robichaux, Clerk of Court, administered the Oath of Office to Parish President, Honorable Gordon Dove.

The Honorable Judge Juan Pickett, 32nd Judicial Court, Division C, administered the Oath of Office to each of the 2016-2020 Terrebonne Parish Council.

Honorable John Navy – District 1
Honorable Arlanda J. Williams – District 2
Honorable Gerald Michel – District 3
Honorable Scotty Dryden – District 4
Honorable Christa Duplantis – District 5
Honorable Darrin Guidry – District 6
Honorable Al Marmande – District 7
Honorable Dirk Guidry – District 8
Honorable Steve Trosclair – District 9

Hon. Judge Juan Pickett, acting as temporary presiding officer of the Terrebonne Parish Council, accepted nominations for the position of Council Chairperson.

Councilwoman C. Duplantis-Prather nominated Councilman J. Navy for the position of Council Chairman for 2016, noting some of Councilman J. Navy's accomplishments and his dedication and determined focus for the betterment of Terrebonne Parish.

Ms. C. Duplantis-Prather moved, seconded unanimously, "THAT, the Council elect Councilman J. Navy as 2016 Chairman of the Terrebonne Parish Council by acclamation."

Temporary Chairman Hon. Judge Juan Pickett called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis-Prather.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: J. Navy, A. Williams, G. Michel, S. Dryden, C. Duplantis-Prather, D.W. Guidry, A. Marmande, D. J. Guidry and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Temporary Chairman Hon. Judge Juan Pickett declared the motion adopted.

Councilman J. Navy assumed the Chair and thanked GOD, his family and friends and former President Claudet for their support; and then thanked his colleagues for selecting him as 2016 Chairman of the Terrebonne Parish Council.

Council Chairman J. Navy then accepted nominations for Vice Chairman.

Councilwoman A. Williams nominated Councilman D. Guidry for the position of 2016 Vice Chairman of the Terrebonne Parish Council, noting his due diligence in serving the people of District 8.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. S. Dryden, "THAT, the nomination of Councilman D. Guidry be accepted and that Mr. Guidry be elected, by acclamation, as 2016 Vice Chairman of the Terrebonne Parish Council; and that all further nominations be closed."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: J. Navy, A. Williams, G. Michel, S. Dryden, C. Duplantis-Prather, D.W. Guidry, A. Marmande, D.J. Guidry and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Councilman D. Guidry thanked GOD for the guidance he has given throughout the last four years, thanked former President M. Claudet for his support and thanked his peers for his selection as 2016 Vice Chairman of the Terrebonne Parish Council, and assured the Council and the residents of Terrebonne Parish that he will continue to work hard to serve this great parish.

Ms. A. Williams 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 on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: J. Navy, A. Williams, G. Michel, S. Dryden, C. Duplantis-Prather, D.W. Guidry, A. Marmande, D.J. Guidry and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Chairman J. Navy read aloud a proposed resolution setting the Regular Council Meeting dates for the year 2016.

OFFERED BY: Mr. D.W. Guidry

SECONDED BY: Ms. C. Duplantis-Prather

RESOLUTION NO. 16-001

A resolution establishing the Terrebonne Parish Council meeting dates for FY 2016.

WHEREAS, with regards to meetings of the Terrebonne Parish Council, the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government for Terrebonne Parish provides as follows:

“Sec. 2-07. Council meetings and rules.

(a) The council shall meet regularly at least twice a month at intervals of at least two (2) weeks at such times and places as the council may prescribe.”

WHEREAS, the usual dates for these meetings are the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, and

WHEREAS, due to certain ***holidays, meetings & conferences** which conflict with these meeting dates, there are certain months during which meeting days/dates must be changed, and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the general public ample time to schedule attendance at the meetings of the governing body, the Council wishes to establish a meeting schedule for the entire year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Council’s Regular Session Meeting dates for 2012 shall be as follows:

January 13 & 27 NACo)	July 13 & 27 (*Committees-July 26,
February 3 & 17 (*Mardi Gras & NACo)	August 10 & 24
March 9 & 23 holidays)	September 7 & 21 (*due to upcoming
April 13 & 27 holidays)	October 5 & 19 (*due to upcoming
May 11 & 25 11/24/16)	November 2 & 16 (*Thanksgiving,
June 8 & 22	December 7 & 21 (*Christmas, 12/25/16)

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.

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. D.W. Guidry.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: J. Navy, A. Williams, G. Michel, S. Dryden, C. Duplantis-Prather, D.W. Guidry, A. Marmande, D.J. Guidry and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this the 7th day of January, 2016.

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Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded Unanimously, “THAT, the Council name the following individuals to serve as the 2016-2020 Council Staff:

Mrs. Venita Chauvin– Council Clerk
Ms. Suzette Thomas – Assistant Council Clerk
Mrs. Tammy Triggs – Senior Council Minute Clerk
Ms. Kimberly Cologne – Minute Clerk.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: J. Navy, A. Williams, G. Michel, S. Dryden, C. Duplantis-Prather, D.W. Guidry, A. Marmande, D.J. Guidry and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

President G. Dove congratulated Council Chairman J. Navy and Vice Chairman D.W. Guidry on their appointments and thanked outgoing President M. Claudet for the work he has done for this great Parish. President Dove continued and stated that he is looking forward to working with the Council and State Representatives, and noted several plans he has for Terrebonne Parish and the current projects that are underway.

Reverend Blair Mitchell, Plymouth Rock Baptist Church offered the Benediction.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis-Prather, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: J. Navy, A. Williams, G. Michel, S. Dryden, C. Duplantis-Prather, D.W. Guidry, A. Marmande, D.J. Guidry and S. Trosclair.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted and the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

KIMBERLY COLOGNE, MINUTE CLERK

/s/ JOHN NAVY, CHAIRMAN
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:
/s/ VENITA CHAUVIN, COUNCIL CLERK
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL