

**Minutes of Special Council Meeting of the Mayor and Councilmen of the
City of St. George, State of Louisiana, held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024,
4:00 pm at the St. George City Hall, 14100 Airline Hwy, St. George, LA
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Present:

Mayor D. Yates

Councilman M. Himmel

Councilwoman P. Cook

Councilman S. Monachello

Councilman R. Edmonds

Absent: Councilman R. Heck

Preliminary Business:

Minutes for the Special Council Meeting, July 8, 2024, were approved by the council.
Motion to approve: M. Himmel, seconded by S. Monachello
Yea: P. Cook, R. Edmonds, M. Himmel, S. Monachello
Nay: None

Introduction of Ordinances with Public Hearing to be held on Aug 13, 2024

1. Ordinance to enact Chapter 1 of Title 1 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Municipal Organization and to provide for related matters
2. Ordinance to enact Chapter 1A of Title 1 of the Code of Ordinances relative to the Code of Ordinances and to provide for related matters
3. Ordinance to enact Chapter 2 of Title 1 of the Code of Ordinances relative to the Governing Body and Rules of Procedure and to provide for related matters
4. Ordinance to enact Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Code of Ordinances relative to annexations and to provide for related matters
5. Ordinance to enact Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Code of Ordinances relative to payment for local charges and to provide for related matters
6. Ordinance to enact Chapter 5 of Title 1 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Boards and Commissions and to provide for related matters
7. Ordinance to enact Chapter 7 of Title 1 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Department of Public Works and to provide for related matters
8. Ordinance to enact Title 5 relative to Law Enforcement and to provide for related matters
9. Ordinance to enact the 2024-2025 Budget and to provide for related matters

Unfinished Business

Selection of a demographer to create council districts

Mr. Garrett (LA Government Strategies, LLC), Mr. Floyd (Data Center, LLC) and Mr. Hefner (Geographic Planning & Demographic Services) each presented their proposals for creating districts for the City Council with the goal in mind for completion by the end of the year or sooner.

Public Comment: an email from St. George Resident Malika Wyche was read into the public record.

Motion to select Mr. Hefner (Geographic Planning & Demographic Services) by P. Cook, seconded by M. Himmel

Yea: P. Cook, R. Edmonds, M. Himmel, S. Monachello

Nay: None

New Business (public Hearing & Action Items)

1. Ordinance to adopt the St. George seal as the official seal of the City of St. George pursuant to La. R.S. 33:21 (Ordinance 2024-001)

Motion to approve: R. Edmonds, seconded by S. Monachello

Yea: P. Cook, R. Edmonds, M. Himmel, S. Monachello

Nay: None

2. Ordinance creating a Planning Commission, Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustments and Adopting the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge Unified Development Code as the Interim Development Code and to provide for related matters. Attorney Mark Balkan (Planning & Zoning Attorney for St. George) was present for consultation. (Ordinance 2024-002)

A. Motion to amend the number of members on the board from 7 to 5 and to eliminate the 7-year term and having the board consist of 1 6-year term member, 2 5-year term members, and 2 4-year term members by R. Edmonds, Seconded by P. Cook

Yea: P. Cook, R. Edmonds, M. Himmel, S. Monachello

Nay: None

B. Motion to place a 1-year moratorium on new billboards to assess where St. George stands by R. Edmonds, Seconded by S. Monachello

Yea: P. Cook, R. Edmonds, M. Himmel, S. Monachello

Nay: None

Motion to approve as amended: R. Edmonds, seconded by M. Himmel

Yea: P. Cook, R. Edmonds, M. Himmel, S. Monachello

Nay: None

3. Ordinance relative to Animals and to provide for related matters (Ordinance 2024-003)

Amendment: Change rabies tag term to up to 3 years

Motion to approve amendment: P. Cook, seconded by M. Himmel

Yea: P. Cook, R. Edmonds, M. Himmel, S. Monachello

Nay: None

Motion to approve as amended: R. Edmonds, seconded by M. Himmel

Yea: P. Cook, R. Edmonds, M. Himmel, S. Monachello

Nay: None

4. Resolution to join as a party plaintiff the suit captioned *Norman Browning and Chris Rials, individually and in their official capacity v. City of Baton Rouge, and the Metropolitan Council for the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge*, Suite No. C-693763 contesting proposed annexations approved by the City-Parish on or after November 12, 2019.

Public Comment: emails from 3 residents of St. George (Ryan Altazin, Brook Dubansky, & Raahul Sathyanarayana) were read into the public record.

Public Comments were made by Shawn Wyche, Chris Rials and Drew Murrell

Motion to approve: R. Edmonds, seconded by M. Himmel

Yea: P. Cook, R. Edmonds, M. Himmel, S. Monachello

Nay: None

Other Business

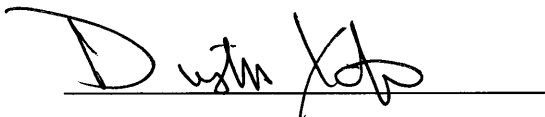
Announcements: The ordinances approved today will be posted on the St. George website.

The meeting today with Mayor Broome went well and communications were established.

Next meeting announced for August 13, 2024, at 4:00 pm

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Meeting minutes approved on August 13, 2024



Dustin Yates, Mayor

Attest:



Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk