

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 5:45 P.M.  
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W BELLEVUE ST  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**MINUTES**

- I.** This meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Ardoin.  
*Chairman Wayne Ardoin ask that the audience silence their electronic devices.*
- II.** Councilwoman Vivian Olivier led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.
- III. Roll Call: PRESENT:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, and Ernest Blanchard. Ex Officio: Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor, Dexter Brown and Jimmie Edwards.

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “Before we go any further I will ask for a motion to amend the agenda. The meeting was called in reference to Resolution No. 014-2024. Now we have another Resolution that was added on and would like to be heard today which is Resolution No. 015-2024. Do I have a motion to amend the agenda?”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to amend the agenda to add and approve Resolution 015-2024.

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor, Dexter Brown and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 7<sup>th</sup>, day of August, 2024.

**IV. Item for Discussion:**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 014-2024**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN ON THE ALLEGED NON-COMPLIANCE OF GUILDCO, L. L. C. RELATIVE TO PROGRAM CONTRACT NUMBER 2080373-ITE**

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “In reference to this Resolution GUILDCO actually did all of their paperwork and they were non-compliance and the state recommended requires us to take action one way or the other and the take of no action is what I am recommending because they did file their paper work, it was just late. I did get verification from the state and they forwarded everything to me so they are in good standings.”

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned*, “Has a copy been provided to all of the councilmembers?”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “I am not sure. I have it. I will e-mail it to you all.”

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned*, “Do I have a motion to approve Resolution No. 014-2024?”

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve Resolution No. 014-2024.

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor, Dexter Brown and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 7<sup>th</sup>, day of August, 2024.

**RESOLUTION NO. 014-2024**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL  
RECOMMENDING THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN ON THE ALLEGED  
NON-COMPLIANCE OF GUILDCO, L.L.C. RELATIVE TO PROGRAM  
CONTRACT NUMBER #20180373-ITE**

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 21 (F) of the Louisiana Constitution provides that the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry ("Board") with the approval of the Governor of the State of Louisiana ("Governor") may enter into contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes for certain industrial and manufacturing ventures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has established the terms and conditions pursuant to which he will approve contracts for the Industrial Tax Exemption ("Exemption"); and. the Board has promulgated Rules pursuant to which it will approve contracts, all in accordance with Article VII Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry ("Board")/ Louisiana Department of Economic Development ("LED") and the GUILDCO, L.L.C. confected agreements under Program Contract Numbers 20180373-ITE

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry ("Board") has notified the St. Landry Parish Government that the GUILDCO, L.L.C. is in non-compliance with contracts awarding tax exemption, under Program Contract Number 201803373-ITE and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Landry Parish Council and Parish President have studied the grounds for the alleged non-compliance and have determined that the said bases therefore are not material; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Landry Parish Council by Resolution Number 014-2024 previously found no reason for the adoption of any remedial action for previous alleged violations premised on identical grounds relative to similar contracts between the Board/Led and GUILDCO:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the St. Landry Parish Council recommends that the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry and/or LED adopt no remedial action for the alleged violations of Program Contract Number 20180373-ITE in so far as and only in so far as the failure of GUILDCO to meet the requirements of their contract for job creation, job retention, and/or annual payroll dictates.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Parish President and St. Landry Parish Council have concluded that the responses of GUILDCO relative to the alleged violations are cogent and reasonable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution applies only to the alleged violations set forth in the transmittals dated, addressed to the Parish President from St. Landry Parish the program director of the Industrial Tax Exemption Program administered through the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry.

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Mark, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to approve **Resolution No. 015-2024**.

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor, Dexter Brown and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 7<sup>th</sup>, day of August, 2024.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 015-2024**

**WHEREAS,** there may be circumstances in which the cost of a Capital Outlay project administered through Facility Planning and Control, Division of Administration, exceeds the agreed upon costs.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the St. Landry Parish Council that St. Landry Parish Government is committed to dedicating any amount of construction and change orders, if any, to cover all costs that exceed State Funding for Capital Outlay Project “50-J49-23-01 Parish Wide Road Program, Planning and Construction” Administered through Facility Planning and Control, Division of Administration.

**THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE 7th DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.**

**V. ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to adjourn this Special Meeting.

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 7<sup>th</sup>, day of August, 2024.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE  
KAREN BARLOW, ASSISTANT COUNCIL CLERK**