

AGENDA
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL
FIRST REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2026 – 6:00 PM
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ROOM
FIFTH FLOOR COURTHOUSE
FRANKLIN, LA

1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRPERSON

2 – INVOCATION: ----- HON. RODNEY OLANDER

3 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: ----- HON. DAVID HILL

4 – ROLL CALL

5 - READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

A. Second Regular Meeting, March 25, 2026

6 – GUESTS

A. Jacob Bell to appear before the Council to discuss an update on “Save Our Children Mentoring Program”.

B. Sherry Wilmore, A’Lyrach Jones, Tasia Briscoe, and Megan Lasserre, Representatives to appear before the Council to discuss the adoption of the proclamation recognizing “Black Maternal Health Week” to be observed on April 11 – 17, 2026. (Proclamation)

C. Kelli Cantu, Community Engagement Advocate, Chez Hope, Inc. to appear before the Council to announce the “Do Your Thing with a Wing” Fundraiser Cook-Off on Saturday, May 2, 2026.

D. Barry Dufrene to appear before the Council to discuss the Home Rule Charter election date.

7 - PUBLIC COMMENT

8 – REPORT FROM MR. SAM JONES, PRESIDENT:

9 – REPORT FROM PERSONNEL:

A. Mr. Paul J. Governale, Chief Administrative Officer

10 – REPORT OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

11 – REPORT OF MEETINGS OTHER THAN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

12 – INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

A. FOR INTRODUCTION - An Ordinance levying and imposing a tax for the purpose of maintaining and supporting the St. Mary Parish Public Library and its branches as directed by a special election in the Parish of St. Mary, excluding the municipality of Morgan City and levying and imposing a tax on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana for the year 2026.

B. FOR INTRODUCTION - An Ordinance levying a tax located outside the municipalities for all parochial purposes and segregating for local and parochial purposes and levying and imposing a tax located within the municipalities to help defray the expenses of the Criminal Justice System of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana for the year 2026.

13 – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

- A. FOR ADOPTION - An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, DIVISION 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearings, Section 5.4.3 Specific Use Permits granting a Specific Use. (4C Christian Committing – The Community to Christ) (Dr. Rink)
- B. FOR ADOPTION – An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezonings (Zoning Map Amendments). (St. Mary Parish Government for Columbus Ave.) (Dr. Rink)

14 - RESOLUTIONS:

- A. Proclamation proclaiming April 11-17, 2026, as “Black Maternal Health Week”. (Rev. Mathews)
- B. Resolution authorizing Sam Jones, the President to execute an Agreement with Belle of Orleans, LLC. (Adm.)

15 – OLD BUSINESS:

None.

16 – NEW BUSINESS:

- A. We received the following financial statements:

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 – year ended September 30, 2025
Fire Protection District No. 11 – year ended September 30, 2025
Recreation District No. 2 – year ended September 30, 2025
St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 3 - year ended September 30, 2025

- B. Shayla Anderson, owner of Stable Lounge, LLC, leasee of Columbia Talmore, Jr., located at 300 Bosco Road., Jeanerette, Louisiana (formally Queen Bee Daiquiris & Game Tyme) requests a residency variance to obtain a 2026 Full Liquor Permit.
- C. Discussion and action pursuant to Ordinance No. 2152 which provides that any member of any Board of Commissioners appointed by the Parish who shall miss three (3) meetings in any twelve (12) month period of time without good cause stated to the Parish Council shall be terminated from the Board of Commissioners. The intent of the ordinance is to have people serving on these boards that have the time and willingness to attend meetings so as to ensure that a quorum would be met to conduct business that may come before the board. On March 3, 2026, a letter was sent to Ms. Patsy W. Powell informing her that a commissioner who misses three meetings within a twelve-month period without good cause shall be terminated. I have not heard back from this board member.
- D. Mr. Hill to discuss the new street signs going up across St. Mary Parish.
- E. Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

Board of Adjustments for the Parish of St. Mary – 1 Vacancy

Tanya A. Johnson (Present Alternate Member)

17 – ADJOURNMENT

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