

Jefferson Business Council

General Membership Meeting

February 19, 2014

Attendance: Tony Ligi, Mickal Adler, Buck Barkley, Bobby Brannon, David Gallo, Jim Garvey, Melissa Gibbs, Lee Giorgio, Mike Hollis, Louis Hose, James Hudson, Louis Lauricella, Pat LeBlanc, Todd Matherne, J Pegues, Cocie Rathborne, Stan Salathe, Bruce Wainer, Robert Weinmann, Bert Wilson

Guests: Bob Brown, Woody Oge and Michael Hecht

I. Opening Remarks Bert Wilson

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order and introduced guest speaker, The Honorable Chuck Kleckley, Speaker of Louisiana House of Representatives.

II. The Hon. Chuck Kleckley

The Hon. Chuck Kleckley discussed the upcoming 2014 Legislative package proposals. The membership asked many questions concerning upcoming bills.

III. Financial Report

Tony Ligi reported that Lawrence Chehardy, Ryan Gootee and Joe Georgusis have resigned from the JBC

IV. Old Business

Membership Committee

Robert Weinmann reported that he has 25 potential candidates on the short list.

Poll re: Jefferson Parish Public School System

There was a motion by Jim Garvey and a second by Buck Barkley to finance \$2,600 to fund the poll. The poll will supply us with information on where the strengths and weaknesses are in the system

V. New Business

Membership Survey

Mr. Ligi will send in the next 2 weeks.

Millage Renewal

Mr. Ligi reported that this will be on the May ballot. There was a motion by Stan Salathe and a second by Todd Matherne for the JBC to support the Millage renewal.

JEDCO dedication of \$300, 000

Stan Salathe talked of the importance to get this funding from the parish.

2014 Legislative Agenda

Tony Ligi reported that he is tracking Jefferson Parish package bills, bills that will have an impact on Jefferson Parish or the JP school system and bills that may have an impact on our member businesses or economic development in general.

JP Council proposed moratorium on medical facilities

Study and moratorium relative to health care facilities: The original resolution was amended to take out all language which would have provided for interim development standards and/or a moratorium to be implemented. The resolution now simply provides for a text study of various sections of the Code with the intention of creating definitions, standards and regulations of health care facilities, including but not limited to clinics, ambulatory surgery centers and urgent care centers and amending zoning districts as appropriate.

There was a motion by Jim Hudson and a second by Buck Barkley for the JBC to take a stand against the moratorium.

Jefferson Parish Hospital Lease

Mr. Hudson reported that the parish will go forward with a contract with Nemzhoff concerning an analysis of the three lease suitor's proposals. Nemzhoff indicated it could provide a report in 45 days.

Mr. Ligi reported he sent a Press Release supporting the JP Council on their actions in contracting Nemzhoff.

Biggert-Waters

Mr. Ligi reported that Governor Jindal sent a letter to Senate and House leadership, supporting immediate action to address the unintended consequences of Biggert-Waters.

VI. Reports

Occupational License collection

Mr. Ligi reported that he and Dave Sherman will meet with the parish attorney.

VII. Upcoming Events

- 2/19 at 10 am. Jefferson Parish Council Meeting(EB)
- 2/25 at 3 pm. Southeast Coalition of Business Councils at Iberia Bank: Higher Education, Speaker-Sen. Appel
- 2/20 -2/22 Washington Mardi Gras
- 3/12 at 7:30 am JBC Executive Board meeting
- 3/19 at **4:00pm** JBC General Membership meeting
- 3/28 at 7pm Delgado fundraiser/roast of Dr. Joe May at Harrah's Casino Dinner Theatre

VIII. Adjournment

Bert Wilson