



2020

St. Tammany Parish Government
Annual Report

A Message from the President

It is an honor to write this letter as your Parish President. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve St. Tammany Parish and I look forward to building on the foundation that we have established over the past year. The 2020 Annual Report is a look back on completed accomplishments and important initiatives set in motion.



IN 2020

- Parish Government **secured \$37,513,008 in Federal and State Grants.**
- A long overdue update of our Comprehensive Plan, which is more than 20 years old, was initiated. **New Directions 2040** will be the foundation for guiding growth and development in the future.
- Leveraged GOMESA revenues and identified projects which will provide **more than \$20 million** in funding for coastal restoration and flood protection.
- Parish Government was **streamlined with the reorganization of Administrative Departments** including: Engineering, Planning & Development and Permits & Inspections.
- Bid packages for local road projects and improvements were bundled together **saving the taxpayers more than \$2 million.**

As we move forward in 2021 and beyond, my Administration will continue to serve the citizens of St. Tammany as we provide essential services through all departments in Parish Government. We look forward to completing current projects, improving and maintaining infrastructure, and starting new initiatives.

We appreciate and ask for transparency and open communication between residents and Parish Government. Please use president@stpgov.org to contact us and we will be happy to handle your concerns and questions. Additionally, stay up-to-date with what is happening in Parish Government through www.stpgov.org, our Public Education and Government Access television station — STPG-TV, our Social Media Channels — Facebook - @sttammanyparish, Twitter - @STPGOV, Instagram - sttammany, and LinkedIn - St. Tammany Parish.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. B. Cooper".

A Message from the Chairman

2020 brought unprecedented challenges to St. Tammany Parish and the world. Just three months after welcoming a new Parish President and four new Council Members, the world as we knew it shut down. Things we all took for granted – attending work at the office every day, sending our children to school, holding Council meetings – came to a grinding halt. And yet the essential services that local governments provide became even more important during the pandemic than ever before.



During this national crisis, the members and staff of the St. Tammany Parish Council, working alongside Parish President Mike Cooper and the staff of St. Tammany Parish Government stepped up to these challenges and got creative. Council members learned new technology, holding meetings using software they hadn't heard of before the pandemic. "Zooming" became a verb. Staff, without the resources they had grown accustomed to and many with new young "coworkers" at their work from home offices, continued to provide essential services to the people of St. Tammany Parish. As social distancing orders stretch from weeks to months, Parish Government got creative again, installing plexi-glass barriers in Council Chambers, holding more frequent meetings when capacity requirements were at their most restrictive, and setting up outdoor seating and virtual participation options to keep the work of the St. Tammany Parish Council going.

In the midst of a worldwide pandemic, the St. Tammany Parish Council and Parish Government did not stop working. We continued to work to address growth and development, flood control, and address our budget crisis. The Parish Council adopted a budget that included funding for road and drainage projects in every Council District as well as multi-district and parish-wide projects. Nearly 400 agenda items were addressed at 27 Council and Council Committee meetings, with only one Council meeting canceled, and one held fully virtually in April and May 2020 due to the early pandemic lockdowns.

The Parish Council, like the rest of you, looks forward to a brighter future in 2021. The Council will continue to work diligently with the administration to improve and alleviate traffic and drainage concerns, encourage smart growth, and work to sustain and improve the high quality of life we have all grown to expect in St. Tammany Parish. I am honored to serve as your Council Chair as we continue to move St. Tammany in the right direction.

Michael R. Long

animal services

2205

890

778

218

intakes

transports

adoptions

returns to owner



grants



82,687

individuals
assisted



4,956

households
assisted



\$6.23 mil

invested in
programs for
our community

\$8.3 Million

completed roads and
drainage projects



engineering public works



20,061
workorders
completed



182,155
sandbags
provided



549.2
cubic yards of
storm debris
removed

REVENUES
12/31/2020

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	General Fund	Special Purpose	Restricted Funds		Total (unaudited)
			Grants/Capital Projects	Outside Agencies	
Sales and use tax:	\$ -	\$ 46,100,036	\$ 11,595,000	\$ 174,176	\$ 57,869,212
2% for roads, drainage, and bridges					
3/4% for economic development districts					
Ad valorem taxes/parcel fees:	5,591,305	7,313,248	3,600,014	25,173,804	41,678,371
Library					
Coroner					
General alimony					
Council on Aging/STARC					
Drainage					
Public health					
Animal services					
Lighting districts					
Federal and state grants	244,943	1,141,178	36,126,731	156	37,513,008
Licenses and permits:	4,306,551	1,959,041	-	-	6,265,592
Occupational licenses					
Environmental inspections and licenses					
Insurance licenses					
Fees and charges for services:	695,238	717,582	2,047,024	406,381	3,866,225
Impact fees					
Court costs and fees					
Mitigation credit sales					
Rental income					
Program income-transit					
Sale of capital assets					
Other taxes:	2,888,080	356,131	-	65,308	3,309,519
Cable franchise tax					
Contributions government access television					
Hotel/motel tax					
Severance taxes					
Off-track betting/bingo fees					
Alcohol tax					
Cigarette paper tax					
Investment earnings	250,659	555,460	1,629,857	117,833	2,553,809
Parish transportation funds	-	1,459,074	-	-	1,459,074
Fines and forfeitures:	-	6,325	-	928,274	934,599
Court fines					
Asset/bond forfeitures					
Liquidated damages					
State revenue sharing	114,036	221,671	-	494,988	830,695
Other grants and contributions:	-	10,525	725,349	-	735,874
Contributions-transit					
Homeowner share-hazard mitigation					
Other intergovernmental revenues	65,805	57,879	-	-	123,684
Miscellaneous	15,284	8,401	-	-	23,685
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$ 14,171,901	\$ 59,906,551	\$ 55,723,975	\$ 27,360,920	\$ 157,163,347

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES

Utility operations	\$ 16,795,796
Development	\$ 4,020,404

EXPENDITURES

12/31/2020

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	General Fund	Special Purpose	Restricted Funds		Total (unaudited)
			Grants/Capital Projects	Outside Agencies	
Highways and streets	\$ -	\$ 23,592,094	\$ 16,992,841	\$ -	\$ 40,584,935
Health and welfare:	107,906	3,132,533	29,202,435	4,404,176	36,847,050
CARES Act funds - Hospital Service Districts					
Public health					
Council on Aging/STARC					
Community Action Agency					
Animal services					
Veterans Affairs					
Capital infrastructure and assets	165,043	1,903,256	19,058,502	804,109	21,930,910
Public safety:	5,443,882	2,994,888	2,651,321	5,662,860	16,752,951
Parish Jail					
Coroner					
Hazard mitigation					
Homeland security and emergency preparedness					
Cultural and recreation:	880	270,871	140,210	12,140,730	12,552,691
Library					
Tammany Trace					
Camp Salmen					
Arts Commission					
Fishing Pier					
Judicial:	6,294,435	3,553,261	-	1,434,718	11,282,414
District Attorney's office					
22nd Judicial District Court					
Justice Center					
Criminal Court					
Ward courts					
Juror expenditures					
Public Defender's office					
Debt service:	-	8,214,869	191,270	1,128,760	9,534,899
Sales Tax District No. 3					
Coroner					
Library					
Crossgates Utilities					
General government:	1,931,687	680,139	137,609	-	2,749,435
Parish administrative departments					
District Attorney's office-civil division					
Registrar of Voter's office					
Greater St. Tammany Airport					
General buildings					
Assessor's office					
Transportation	60,516	-	1,823,928	-	1,884,444
Economic development	-	1,120,096	29,946	67,639	1,217,681
Sanitation	-	874,844	98,402	-	973,246
Conservation	-	-	30,913	-	30,913
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$ 14,004,349	\$ 46,336,851	\$ 70,357,377	\$ 25,642,992	\$ 156,341,569
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES					
Utility operations					\$ 14,295,640
Development					\$ 3,304,838

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