

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 30th DAY OF JANUARY, 2023

The Caddo Parish American Rescue Plan Committee met in legal session on the above date, at 4:09 p.m., in the Government Plaza First Floor Conference Room, with Mr. Jackson, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Jackson, and Young (5). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, and Johnson (2).

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to accept the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance conducted in the previous Long Range Planning Committee meeting.* Motion carried by acclamation.

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RULES

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *to adopt Committee rules:*

- *Presentation not to exceed 10 minutes (if applicable).*
- *Q & A Members will be allowed to ask questions after the presentation has finished.*
- *Non-Committee Members and Staff will be allowed to ask questions after all standing committee members have asked questions.*
- *No public comments will be allowed outside of the Public Comment section unless the rules are suspended.*

Motion carried by acclamation.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Public comment was given Robin Ramsey regarding support of Green Infrastructure.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Discuss Administration Status Update on Funding Pipeline*

Mrs. Barnett provided a report detailing the status of Commission appropriated projects. The Committee discussed the Commission's obligation of American Rescue Plan funding and reviewed the report.

- *Discuss Deadlines for Information Request*

Mrs. Barnett reviewed the projects with declined, waiting on applicant and no response statuses.

It was moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *for a hard deadline of March 17, 2023 for projects with Waiting on Applicant and No Response statuses, excluding Not Started, RFP needed, etc.*

Amendment by Mr. Jackson *to require a 90-day timeline from start to end of data collection.*

Mr. Young's motion as amended carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Jackson, and Young (5). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- *Discuss Human Trafficking & Drug Court Social Worker*

Mr. Jackson requested inviting Judge Erin Leigh Waddell Garrett to discuss the needs of social work related to mental health. Administration acknowledged they will reach out to Judge Waddell Garrett.

- *Discuss Public Safety Funding Request*

Mr. Jackson discussed the Chief of Shreveport Police Department's request for a funding and a ladder for public safety during large events. Mr. Jackson requested the Shreveport Police Department to submit a letter to the Caddo Parish Administrator/Assistant Administrator and the Commission President. Mrs. Bryant discussed that Administration would complete a preliminary bidding to determine eligibility of the Shreveport Police Department's request, then return the results to the Committee.

- *Discuss Funding for Green Infrastructure*

Mr. Young discussed green infrastructure projects by the Krewe of Highland. Mrs. Barnett informed the Committee that the Krewe of Highland has other projects totaling \$190,000 and their total is close to maximum.

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Cothran, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$45,000 for neutral/median public green space green infrastructure project and \$145,000 for Highland Park green infrastructure project to the Krewe of Highland.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Jackson, and Young (5). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mrs. Barnett informed the Committee that Fire District No. 8 has a change in scope for their application.

It was moved by Mr. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Young, *to suspend the rules and return to agenda additions to expand the agenda and consider the change of scope of Fire District No. 8.*

At this time, Mr. Johnson opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the agenda addition. There being no one to speak, the public hearing was closed.

At this time, Mr. Atkins' motion carried by acclamation.

- *Discuss Fire District No. 8 Change of Scope*

It was moved by Mr. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Young, *to recommend to the full body to authorize Administration to approve change of scope of Fire District No. 8's application from a training center to a fire truck.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Jackson, and Young (5). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

The Commission President announced that Mr. Ronald Cothran would be the new Chair of the American Rescue Plan Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

/s/ Linda J. Montgomery
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