

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 4th DAY OF MAY, 2023

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:35 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Burrell, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (12). ABSENT: None (0).

The invocation was given by Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Johnson led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to expand the agenda and add agenda additions.*

Mrs. Gage-Watts and Mr. Burrell requested to be a sponsor for all agenda additions.

Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to englobe and expand the agenda and add the following items:*

- *Special Resolution Recognizing Teacher Appreciation Week*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing Shreveport City Marshall James Jefferson*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Caddo Parish 4-H Shooting Sports*
- *Special Resolution Proclaiming Stuffed Shrimp Festival Day*

Mr. Johnson requested to be added as a sponsor for Special Resolution Recognizing Teacher Appreciation Week, Special Resolution of Recognition for Caddo Parish 4-H Shooting Sports, and Special Resolution Proclaiming Stuffed Shrimp Festival Day. Mr. Cothran requested to be added as a sponsor to Special Resolution Recognizing Shreveport City Marshall James Jefferson, Special Resolution of Recognition for Caddo Parish 4-H Shooting Sports, and Special Resolution Proclaiming Stuffed Shrimp Festival Day.

Substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Public comment by Kenneth Krefft regarding the Juvenile Justice Citizens Advisory Committee's support for Resolution 22 of 2023. Public comment by RJ Johnson regarding Juvenile Justice Citizens Advisory Committee's support for Resolution 22 of 2023. Public comment by Irene foster regarding the Shreveport Mavericks. Public comment by Steven Tucker regarding the Shreveport Mavericks.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to suspend the rules.* Motion carried unanimously.

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to Adopt Special Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation for The Shreveport Mavericks.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, and Jones (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *to move back into public comments.* Motion carried unanimously.

Public comment by Marvin Muhammad regarding support for Resolution 22 of 2023. Public comment by Calvin Lester regarding support for Resolution 22 of 2023.

VISITORS

- LSUHSC Researchers Regarding Wastewater Study

Dr. Kevin Murnane, LSU Health Sciences Center, and John Vanchiere, MD, PhD at LSU Department of Pediatric Infectious Diseases presented the results of the Wastewater Program. Dr. Murnane explained the uses of wastewater and substance use patterns. Dr. Murnane explained that methamphetamine was detected from all sampling sites in Shreveport and Caddo Parish and is the number

one cause of overdose deaths in Louisiana. The levels of methamphetamine in the wastewater of Shreveport are at least two to three times higher than anywhere else in the world. Dr. Murnane explained the correlation of social vulnerability of infectious diseases, illicit drugs, and crime. Dr. Murnane addressed solutions, such as outreach and education, translational research, and models of care. Dr. Vanchiere reviewed the endemic infectious diseases in Caddo Parish, such as sexually transmitted infections. In 2021, Louisiana was ranked 3rd in the nation for gonorrhea, chlamydia and syphilis. Dr. Vanchiere explained that endemic infectious diseases could be detected in wastewater. Dr. Vanchiere discussed approaches for addressing the infection disease crisis in Caddo Parish. Dr. Vanchiere indicated that over decades, medical solutions have not had an effect on the infectious disease crisis in Caddo Parish and that the next stage is to do outreach using population level data to direct where care is needed most. Dr. Vanchiere discussed mass testing. Dr. Murnane discussed commercial, factory-scale production of methamphetamine. The Commission, Dr. Murnane and Dr. Vanchiere discussed the disjointedness between resources and care, connecting individuals and communities to care, the correlation between STIs and methamphetamine, and the treatments to STIs.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Regular Session Minutes April 20, 2023 be adopted.* Motion carried.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to adopt Special Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation for Utility Linemen.*

Substitute motion by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to englobo and adopt the following resolutions:*

- *Special Resolution Proclaiming Stuffed Shrimp Festival Day*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation for Utility Linemen*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation for The Sanitation & Solid Waste Professionals*

Friendly amendment by Mr. Burrell, to consider agenda addition Special Resolution Proclaiming Stuffed Shrimp Festival Day before Special Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation for Utility Linemen and Special Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation for The Sanitation & Solid Waste Professionals. Mr. Epperson accepted the friendly amendment.

Substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mr. Young, *to adopt Special Resolution Recognizing Walnut Hill Basketball District Championship.*

Substitute motion by Mr. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to englobo and adopt the following resolutions:*

- *Special Resolution Adopt Special Resolution Recognizing Walnut Hill Basketball District Championship*
- *Special Resolution Proclaiming Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing Teacher Appreciation Week*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing Shreveport City Marshall James Jefferson*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Caddo Parish 4-H Shooting Sports*

Substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Jones, and Young (7). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, and Lazarus (5). ABSTAIN: None (0).

COMMUNIQUES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Dr. Wilson invited the Commission to the Caddo Parish Employee Service Awards ceremony at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2023 at the Commerce Building at The Port.
- Mr. Epperson reported the discussion of the Veteran's Affairs Committee regarding the

Col. DePyssler stamp, the Congressional Medal of Honor Convention, the site of a Northwest Louisiana Military and Veterans Museum, and signage on the entrance of the Parish that states Caddo Parish supporting military and veterans. Mr. Epperson requested that light pole signs be put up during the Veterans Celebration Week.

- Mr. Atkins reported the tentative date of the next Natural Resources Committee scheduled for May 11th at 3 pm or May 12th at 10 am.
- Mr. Jones discussed the prayer breakfast and invited the Commission to a Sunday Funday at Cargill Sports Complex on May 7th from 2 pm – 5 pm.
- Mr. Young discussed the rapid response of Parish staff in Dixie Gardens.
- Mr. Burrell discussed supporting Western Playground youth activities.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES

The President of the Commission opened the public hearing for the following ordinances:

- *Ordinance No. 6322 Of 2023 Related To PZC/MPC Case # 23-1-CTAP, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, relative to wireless telecommunications, with all their provisions included herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*
- *Ordinance No. 6323 Of 2023, Related To PZC/MPC Case #23-2-CTAP, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, relative to data centers, with all their provisions included herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*
- *Ordinance No. 6324 Of 2023, Related To PZC/MPC Case #23-3-CTAP, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, relative to surfacing requirements for parking lots, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*
- *Ordinance No. 6325 Of 2023 Related To PZC/MPC Case # 23-5-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located western corner of Colquitt Road and Jersey Gold Road, Caddo Parish, LA., from R-A Rural-Agricultural Zoning District to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*

Point of Order by Mr. Jones that citizens are called by citizen comment card, which Attorney Frazier addressed.

Public comment by Jill Brown in support of Ordinance No. 6325 of 2023. Public comment by Deborah Johnson in support of Ordinance No. 6325 of 2023. Public comment by Hope Foley in support of Ordinance No. 6235 of 2023. Public comment by Priscilla Love in support of Ordinance No. 6235 of 2023. Public comment by Ruth Sanders in support of Ordinance No. 6235 of 2023. Public comment by Michelle Perkins in opposition of Ordinance No. 6235 of 2023.

Per Mr. Young's request, MPC Director Mr. Alan Clarke discussed the zoning case 23-5-P.

There being no one else to speak in favor or against these ordinances, the President closed the public hearing on ordinances.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

The President of the Commission opened the public hearing for the following ordinances:

- *Ordinance No. 6326 Of 2023, ordinance amending the 2023 Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Oil and Gas Fund and the Riverboat Fund to appropriate funds for Safe Summer*

There being no one to speak in favor or against these ordinances, the President closed the public hearing on ordinances.

ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to englobo and adopt the following ordinances:*

- *Ordinance No. 6322 Of 2023 Related To PZC/MPC Case # 23-1-CTAP*
- *Ordinance No. 6323 Of 2023, Related To PZC/MPC Case #23-2-CTAP*
- *Ordinance No. 6324 Of 2023, Related To PZC/MPC Case #23-3-CTAP*

Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Gage-Watts, and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Lazarus**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Ordinance No. 6325 Of 2023 Related To PZC/MPC Case # 23-5-P* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (7). NAYS: Burrell, Cothran, and Epperson (3). ABSENT: Gage-Watts, and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Ordinance No. 6326 Of 2023, ordinance amending the 2023 Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Oil And Gas Fund and the Riverboat Fund to appropriate funds for Safe Summer* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Gage-Watts, and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 6328 Of 2023, an ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 32, Article VI of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances, repealing Section 32-52 and Section 34-22 of the Code of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Work Session Minutes from May 1, 2023* be adopted. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Resolution No. 22 of 2023, a resolution ordering and calling a special election to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith* be adopted.

Mr. Jackson explained that the resolution simply asks a question and there would be no changes after the vote. Mr. Young explained the purpose of the resolution. Mr. Hopkins discussed reviewing other approaches. Mr. Epperson, Mr. Cothran, and Mr. Burrell discussed the value of the resolution. Mr. Jackson discussed the resolution not raising any taxes.

Call for the Question by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Young. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Gage-Watts, and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, , Jackson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (8). NAYS: Atkins, and Hopkins (2). ABSENT: Gage-Watts, and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to Reappoint Shantell Hardison To the Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission*.

Substitute motion by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to englobo and adopt the following items:*

- *Reappoint Shantell Hardison To the Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission*
- *Authorize the Administration to Fund Juneteenth Activities*

- *Caddo Animal Service Board Appeal Case #C0007326340*

Substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Jones, Lazarus, Cothran, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Gage-Watts, and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

NEW BUSINESS

- Caddo Animal Service Board Appeal

Animal Services Assistant Director Mr. Kelvin Samuels discussed the Caddo Animal Service Board Appeal Case # C0007326340 and explained the definition of a vicious dog which includes humane euthanasia. Mr. Marshall Cosby spoke on behalf of the victim and as a witness in support of the Caddo Animal Service Board's decision. Mrs. Catherine Wicker, the animal's owner, spoke in opposition of the Caddo Animal Service Board's decision. The Commission, Mr. Samuels, and Animal Services Director Mr. Travis Clark discussed the case, seizure of the animal being at-large, and the animal owner's fence repairs. Caddo Animal Services Board Member Mrs. Sarah Walton discussed the Caddo Animal Services Board's decision.

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to uphold the Caddo Animal Services Board Decision to deem the dog as vicious.*

Call for the Question by Mr. Cothran, seconded by Mr. Jones. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Jones, Lazarus, Cothran, (6). NAYS: Atkins, and Young (2). ABSENT: Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, and Johnson (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Atkins' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Jones, Lazarus, Cothran (6). NAYS: Burrell, and Young (2). ABSENT: Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, and Johnson (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

The Clerk and Attorney Frazier clarified how the motion carried.

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



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