

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 9th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Burrell, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (12). ABSENT: None (0).

The invocation was given by Bishop Mark Smith, and Mr. Epperson led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to expand the agenda and add the discussion of Johnny Grey Jones closing and Ordinance No. 6256 of 2023, 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 on the north side of North Lakeshore Drive, approximately 1,700 feet east of Pine Island Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single Family Residential Zoning District to R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto under New Business.*

At this time, the President opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor, or against, the agenda additions.

Jon Glover came before the Commission and gave the following comment with regards to expanding the agenda:

Good evening. Going back to the agenda that the Clerk mentioned, I was looking at it—it was dated October 2. Is that the one that we first brought forward? These public hearing notices for 6256 of 2022, which was an R-17 to an RA property? The property is currently RA, is that what that is? Ok, then you mentioned a second one. I believe—

The Clerk explained that both the public hearing and final passage for Ordinance No. 6256 of 2022 needs to be added to today's agenda. Ms. Glover understood.

There being no one else to speak in favor or against the agenda additions, the President closed the public hearing.

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, and Lazarus (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Jackson, Jones, and Young (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Lorraine Guerrero came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I have a couple of concerns that I really want to talk about today. I'm a 501c3—the president of a 501c3 called Nova's Heart. We help to take care of the pets of the homeless, low-income, disabled, and veterans. We provide food, collars, harnesses, leashes, vaccinations, and flea medication. And we have a once a month rabies clinic that our vet comes up and does at Hope House, where our office is located. All of this is at no cost to any of these people. So, I have a big concern about animals and people that love their animals. I just have a couple of points and a couple of questions I'd like to ask. How many of you go to the shelter on a regular basis? How many of you go to the Caddo Parish Animal Shelter on a regular basis? Well, you know as—you are the governing authority of Caddo Parish. You know the number of animals versus the number of employees that take care of these animals at Caddo Parish Animal Services is really not even within bounds of normal human capability for most people. I got a bunch of numbers from people at the shelter. My calculations came up with a figure of less than eight minutes care can be allowed for each animal within an eight hour—eight hours for any one kennel assistant, and there are only four. This does not include lunch breaks or any other breaks that they have. They average between 375-400 at the shelter at any given time. That's 96 animals or so per kennel assistant per day. You know, do you really think this is sufficient to be able to care for an animal properly? To clean the kennels? Remove it, feed the animal, assess the animal for illness or temperament, and report to the people responsible for a treatment of that animal, and then put the animal back in the kennel? In eight minutes? You know that's not really a very reasonable solution to anything. They need more people. Thank you.

VISITORS

- Kayla Cayer
NWLA Re-Entry Community Coordinator

Ms. Cayer invited the Commissioners to attend the Re-Entry Simulation on December 8, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the First Methodist Church of Shreveport.

As of Monday, there were 3,326 citizens of Caddo Parish that were under the supervision of the Probation & Parole Office—this number does not include the people who finish their probation, were discharged, or the people who were released from jail without supervision. The purpose of this event is to bring forth ideas for re-entering these people. The Department of Corrections' website indicates that 43% of the people released from jail return within five years.

In this simulation, you will receive a new identity where you might not have a home, money, IDs, or a job. You'll have to navigate through the simulation and somewhat experience what these people go through once they are released from jail.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that the Regular Session from October 19, 2023 and the Special Session Minutes from October 26, 2023 be adopted.* Motion carried.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to englobo and adopt the following special resolutions:*

- *Special Resolution recognizing Alzheimer's Awareness Month*
- *Special Resolution Standing With Israel*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Rev. Joe Gant*

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

PROCLAMATION ALZHIEMER'S AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive disease of the brain causing deterioration in memory, reasoning, motor skills, and the ability to take care of oneself. The impact of Alzheimer's on individuals, families, and our health care system makes the disease one our nation's primary medical, social, and fiscal challenges; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's affects every level of society. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention: every sixty-six seconds, someone in the United States develops the disease; more than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's; and Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death, and it kills more than breast and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia, and the social, emotional, and financial impacts of dementia are felt by everyone—persons with dementia, their families, caregivers, and communities; and

WHEREAS, there is more than 18.1 billion hours of unpaid care per year by caregivers, resulting in Alzheimer's and other dementias causing a negative economic impact, costing the nation approximately \$236 billion; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are no treatments that can prevent, delay, or reverse Alzheimer's disease & stigma leads many people with dementia, and their families, to fear exclusion and differential treatment, preventing them from seeking help and disclosing their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, early detection provides individuals and families to adjust to the diagnosis and plan for the future; and all Caddo Parish citizens need to be better informed about Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and to work to create more supportive and inclusive communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby proclaim November 2023 as:

'National Alzheimer's Awareness Month'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month and urges citizens and organizations to educate themselves about Alzheimer's, Dementia and other Brain diseases.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
STANDING WITH ISRAEL**

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Israel was attacked by Hamas terrorists; and

WHEREAS, this deadly assault took place just after the 50th anniversary of the start of the multi-front Yom Kippur War against Israel; and

WHEREAS, since the first days of the attack, Hamas terrorists have launched multiple rocket attacks and conducted other violent assaults against Israelis, killing over 900 Israelis, killing at least 22 Americans, and injuring over 2,600 people. These terrorists have abducted 100-150 hostages, including children and the elderly, and these numbers are growing each day; and

WHEREAS, Hamas terrorists are directly responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Palestinians and wounding thousands more; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of this war to other fronts would create an even more devastating regional catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is home to a diverse population, including Jewish American and Palestinian American residents, who are concerned about the safety and security of the people who are impacted by this conflict, including their own families and friends; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission expresses its solidarity with Israel and stands with Israel as it defends itself against terrorist attacks by Hamas and other terrorists, condemns the brutal violent attacks and slaughter against innocent people, and urges Hamas to immediately release all hostages and end the killing of innocent people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission stands ready to welcome and support refugees which may arrive in our community as a result of this or similar conflicts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission encourages residents to consider standing in support of Israel, however may be appropriate for them.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
REVEREND DR. JOE GANT**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission acknowledges and celebrates the remarkable achievements and dedication of **Reverend Dr. Joe Gant, Jr.**, who has served as the Senior Pastor at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church for an astounding fifty years; and

WHEREAS, the esteemed pastor has been a steadfast beacon of leadership, compassion, and community service whose commitment to spreading the gospel has extended far beyond the walls of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, and taken many forms from successful marches to reclaim neighborhoods from the influence of drugs in the late 80's to service as a chaplain assistant in the United States Army, to his participation in international ministries; and

WHEREAS, for over forty-two years, Rev. Gant has hosted a city-wide Prayer Vigil at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, fostering unity and spiritual reflection among citizens and providing dedicated prayers for educators, elected officials, law enforcement officials, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Gant's extensive service to education and civic life is exemplified by his twenty years on the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agriculture & Mechanical College System and twelve years as a member of the Shreveport Airport Authority; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Gant's creativity, determination, perseverance, and extraordinary courage in advancing fundamental rights were recognized with the 2017 Louisiana Association of Educators' Human & Civil Rights Trailblazer Award; and

WHEREAS, Doctor Gant's personal achievements, including being the first in his family to earn a college degree, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree from Louisiana State University Shreveport and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Louisiana Baptist University & Seminary, reflect his commitment to education and personal growth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby heartily congratulate and commend Rev. Dr. Joe R. Gant, Jr. for his fifty years anniversary at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission does extend its gratitude for Rev. Dr. Gant's many indelible contributions to Caddo Parish and extends our wishes of continued blessings upon his efforts as he continues his service to his congregation, community, and its Creator.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Food Distribution Sites

Mrs. Bryant said that they are finalizing locations for the food distribution sites. She explained that there have been some complications with the sites due to it being election day, but the flyer should be ready for distribution tomorrow.

- Jean Woods
Catholic Charities

Mrs. Bryant introduced Mrs. Jean Woods, Catholic Charities, to provide an update on the work they've been doing with regards to the December storm.

Mrs. Jean Woods thanked the Commission for their continued support over the years. She then provided the Commission with a Catholic Charities 2022-2023 annual report. She discussed the services that Catholic Charities accomplished within the community, including helping the residents of Pecan Farms after the December tornado. Due to the Commission's support, the residents were able to repairs/install new roofs, repair septic tanks, remove trees and debris, reinstall electric poles, etc.

Mr. Atkins thanked Mrs. Woods and Catholic Charities for everything they've done to help the citizens and residents of Caddo Parish.

Mrs. Sherri Peace came before the Commission and thanked Catholic Charities, Mrs. Woods, and Mr. Lazarus. She said a tornado came and destroyed her home, but she was made whole again from the help of them.

Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked Mrs. Peace for coming to the Commission and sharing her testimony. Mr. Epperson agreed and thanked Mrs. Woods and Catholic Charities for all of their work in the community.

- Adjudicated Property Update

Mrs. Bryant explained that the request from Administration was to have the Director of Public Works available to answer any questions. She pointed out that Mr. Tim Weaver, Director of Public Works is here for any questions.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if the legislation for adjudicated property has been pulled. At this time, Mr. Weaver provided a copy of the legislation to the Commissioners.

Mr. Jackson is concerned that people are calling him saying that adjudicated property is not for sale in District 3. Mr. Weaver said that in 2016, an ordinance was passed to exempt District 3 from the adjudicated property process, then in 2017, another ordinance was passed for Re-Invest Caddo.

Mr. Weaver further explained that by the end of the year, approximately 200 Caddo Parish adjudicated properties will be sold. In District 3, they have fifty-four pending applications and thirteen Re-Invest Caddo properties. Mr. Jackson reasoned that Re-Invest Caddo is not being told to citizens. Mr. Weaver said that the information is available online.

Mr. Jackson also said that anytime there's an adjudicated property on the agenda, he asked to remove them. Mr. Weaver stated that is where the confusion lies. If somebody doesn't want to do Re-Invest Caddo, then they don't want to do anything, Mr. Jackson said. Mr. Weaver understood and stated that will be done going forward. Mrs. Bryant explained, by ordinance, Administration still has the responsibility to bring it to the Commission who will decide how to proceed going forward.

Mr. Jackson believes that the adjudicated properties process is incorrect and riddled with misinformation. He said that people are not getting clear titles. Mr. Weaver stated that they explain to the purchasers that they will be receiving a tax title. Mr. Jackson said that he wants to get properties on the tax rolls at the highest and best used.

Mrs. Bryant reiterated that the process is to put the adjudicated properties before the Commission, who then votes on the properties. She stated that it is up to the Commission body, not just the vote of one Commissioner. That is the process, Mrs. Bryant said. Mr. Jackson said that if a vote is taken to remove the item from the agenda, then it is removed. Mrs. Bryant explained that it is removed from the agenda, but it does not state what happens to the item.

Mr. Burrell suggested that this discussion should be vetted to a committee. Mrs. Bryant agreed and said that the process should be consistent throughout all twelve districts. Mr. Burrell asked that this be forwarded to the Long Range Planning Committee.

COMMUNIQES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Epperson announced that Veterans Celebration Week is designated for November 6-12 in Caddo Parish and surrounding parishes. Mr. Epperson said that this is the twelfth year that the Veterans Celebration Committee has honored local military and veterans during its Honor Ceremony & Parade. This year's Guest Speaker and Parade Marshal will be Secretary of State, (ret) Col Joey Strickland. He invited everyone to attend these upcoming events.

Mr. Epperson also talked about NACo's Operation Green Light. He encouraged all to light up their houses and businesses green to show veterans that they are supported and appreciated.

- Mr. Johnson said that the Economic Development Committee met to discuss the food desert in the MLK area. The recommendation from the Committee will be forthcoming.

- Mrs. Gage-Watts reminded everyone that Early Voting is ongoing. She also announced that Caddo Parish will be hosting a food distribution event at various locations on Saturday, November 18.

Mrs. Gage-Watts also mentioned that Dr. Jruti retired from the local Sickie Cell Clinic. She would like a representative from the Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals in attendance at the next meeting to discuss next steps and the future of the Sickie Cell Clinic in Caddo Parish.

She also congratulated the Morning Star Tate Street Community for being the National Night Out winners for 2023.

- Mr. Hopkins invited the Commission and Parish Administrator to attend the grand opening of Love's Truckstop next Friday at 2:00 p.m.

- Mr. Johnson announced that food distribution site for his area will be held at Willow Chute Baptist Church. He also announced the groundbreaking for Hope Connection—Solid Ground Safe Haven will be on November 16th at 4:00 p.m. at 2350 Levy Street.

- Mr. Burrell requested an update from Administration regarding the location of the food distribution site for his district. Mrs. Bryant explained that they are currently working on it and that an alternative location would be discussed following the meeting.

- Mr. Young stated that the food distribution site for District 4 and District 8 will be held at A.C. Steere.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Burrell thanked Mr. Atkins and Mr. Young for attending the groundbreaking of the new YMCA. Mr. Atkins stated that it was a well-done and well-received event.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES & CASES

The President of the Commission opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the following zoning ordinance:

- *Ordinance No. 6357 of 2023, regarding PZC Case No. 23-5-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 short-term rental property, with all their provisions included herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6386 of 2023, regarding PZC Case No. 23-6-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 various text amendments, with all their provisions included herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6387 of 2023, regarding PZC Case No. 23-29-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 on the southwest corner of Linwood Avenue and Mayo Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural-Agricultural District, to C-2, Corridor Commercial District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Ms. Melissa Riddick came in support of Ordinance No. 6387 of 2023, PZC Case No. 23-29-P and gave the following comment:

I am a commercial realtor with Sealy Real Estate Services, and I'm here to speak in favor of Parish Zoning Case 23-29-P. This is a rezoning of approximately four acres of a forty-three-acre tract of land on Linwood Avenue—west side, just south of Mayo Road. My client, Mr. Lynn Hunt, is here with me.

I've worked with him for many years. He has contracted to acquire this piece of property. His initial plans are to develop a commercial center on the front four acres and leaving the balance of the forty-three-acre tract alone at this time. There's a convenience store across the street; there's a car repair and body shop to the north; and another commercial business. So, we don't anticipate any issues with necessarily rezoning it to light commercial zoning. We did as the PZC instructed and had a neighborhood meeting, which was very enlightening. We did find out that the neighborhood did have some concerns as these forty-three acres is a wooded tract, and it's been wooded forever. A lot of those people have lived there forever. Again, we've listened to their concerns. They are concerned about—you know, the construction and the noise and setbacks and alike. My client is very ready and willing to work with them and take care of those things. Some of that will be taken care of through the permitting process and the site and building approvals. But again, he's willing to move and do whatever he need to do to address those concerns as he lives out in that neighborhood and wants to be a good neighbor. We've been asked, 'what do we perceive this center having?' We really don't have those answers. It's going to be a neighborhood type center because it's in a rural type area. I foresee—because that's my business as a realtor—probably something, I think that maybe you know notary public. We're hoping for a lot of things, but he is not a commercial developer; he is a businessman. He doesn't have a list of tenants to bring with him. We don't have that. It gets asked of us a lot. 'Who's going to be there?' and we don't know that. For the balance—the acreage, he is going to leave it wooded. He knows if he needs to rezone it, at that time, he'll do it. So, I hope you'll support the PCZ's approval. He and I will both be here if you have any questions. Thank you very much.

- *Ordinance No. 6256 of 2022, 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 on the north side of North Lakeshore Drive, approximately 1,700 feet east of Pine Island Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single Family Residential Zoning District to R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, and to otherwise providing with respect thereto*

Mr. Brian White came in support of Ordinance No. 6256 of 2022 and gave the following comment:

I just wanted to come to speak to you to ask for your approval. My name's Brian White. I wanted come and aske for your approval for 6256 of 2022. It's basically fixing a zoning issue that was put into place—kind of a mis-zoning, as you've heard from gentlemen before me at previous meetings in 2022. This was put off to address a request by Mr. Johnson for some limitations on carving up the land throughout his district at the time. That term has expired. We're one year now past that point. We'd like to move forward with changing it from R-1-7 back to R-A, as it is an agricultural piece of land. There are cows that we've moved to the north section of the property, which is R-A, currently, in order to comply with the zoning that's in place. We would like to have it put back to R-A, so that we can use it for its intended purposes, as it is presently agricultural, timber, and otherwise—not intended for residential R-1-7 zoning. I believe you heard previously from the gentleman behind me for the zoning commission—his recommendation that it be changed. Mr. Johnson, a couple of meetings ago, mentioned that this needed to be changed as well. Just something we'd like to see action on and complete. You'll notice this is from 2022. Again, the effort there since that time. Your action would be appreciated in this regard. That's all I had to say.

There being no one else to speak in favor or against the zoning ordinances and cases, the President closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

The President of the Commission opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the following ordinances:

- *Ordinance No. 6388 of 2023, an ordinance declaring the intent of the Parish under LA.R.S. 47:2236 to acquire full ownership interest in nine parcels, namely: east 28.5 feet of Lot 29 & west 16 feet of Lot 28, Block 2, Gilmer Subdivision (GEO No. 181331-075-0051-00); east 24 feet of Lot 28 & west half of Lot 27, Block 2, Gilmer Subdivision (181331-075-0035-00); Lot 21, Block 2, Gilmer Subdivision (GEO No. 181331-075-0021-00); Lot 20, Block 2, Gilmer Subdivision (GEO No. 181331-075-0020-00); Lot 17 & west 10 feet of Lot 16, Block C, Highland Park Subdivision (GEO No. 181331-072-0106-00); west 30 feet of Lot 19 & east 10 feet of Lot 20, Block C, Highland Park Subdivision (GEO No. 181331-072-0111-00); Lot 35 & east half of Lot 36, Belmont Subdivision (GEO No. 181331-050-0091-00); Lot 38 & east 10 feet of Lot 39, Emerald Hill Subdivision (GEO No. 171305-006-0038-00); Lot 7, Woodlawn Subdivision (GEO No. 171305-038-0007-00) and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Mr. Jeremy Taylor came before the Commission in support of Ordinance No. 6388 of 2023 and gave the following comment:

Ok, how y'all doing? My name is Jeremy Taylor. I was coming to speak in favor of Ordinance No. 6388 to acquire lots for the future development and growth of the Highland area. I'm currently doing some investing in the area and wanting to do some developments in the area. I applied recently for

some lots on Wall Street, but then I inquired for some lots that backs Wall Street, as well, Vine Street. So, I want to do a development in that area—mixed use development and just kind of want to bring some life and light back to that area. Some things that I have going on in that area now, I'm actually in the process of development a food truck port. I left one of the flyers with Steven. So, we're going to do a dry food truck run—a Food Truck Extravaganza next weekend. If you guys are available, you guys can come out. We'll have gazebos set up for people to sit up under to eat and dine in and listen to good music. Beside the food truck court, we plan to do a coffee shop. It's permitted by right, but I think we're going to have to go through the historical situation, but we are going to do a coffee shop and then we plan on doing a breakfast brunch bar in the building next to it as well. So, just want to create a small new development deal where people can come and get accustomed to the area, bring more life and light back to the area. I know somebody said something about a food desert—I think that was Mr. Johnson, that area is kind of a food desert as well. It is not as dry as MLK, but the area needs some more life and light back in that area. I've been investing over there since 2016. So, I want to bring some life and light back to that area. So, I'd appreciate it if you guys approve those lots for me and help me acquire those lots. Thank you.

Mr. James Ross came before the Commission to speak on Ordinance No. 6388 of 2023 and gave the following comment:

I wanted to come speak on behalf of the community and also the constituents who are trying to acquire adjudicated properties and redevelop and reinvest in our communities. So I would appreciate you guys in the council and everyone if you would be gracious to approve and allow just the ordinance and allow the approval of the Re-Investment Caddo. Thank you.

- *Ordinance No. 6389 of 2023, an ordinance adopting the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Shreve Memorial Library for the year 2024*

There being no one else to speak in favor or against this ordinance, the President closed the public hearing.

ZONING ORDINANCES & ORDINANCES (for final passage)

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

- *Ordinance No. 6357 of 2023, regarding PZC Case No. 23-5-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 short-term rental property, with all their provisions included herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6386 of 2023, regarding PZC Case No. 23-6-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 various text amendments, with all their provisions included herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6387 of 2023, regarding PZC Case No. 23-29-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 on the southwest corner of Linwood Avenue and Mayo Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural-Agricultural District, to C-2, Corridor Commercial District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
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- *Ordinance No. 6389 of 2023, an ordinance adopting the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Shreve Memorial Library for the year 2024*

Mr. Hopkins wanted to know how Ordinance No. 6357 of 2023 would affect short-term rentals. Mr. Alan Clarke, MPC, explained that the City of Shreveport's short-term rental ordinances were successful. He further explained that the MPC discovered that people out-of-state owned the short-term rentals, and it was difficult to contact those property owners to address any issues that may arise. He said that this ordinance would allow a more structured process. The jurisdiction would be in the planning area only, he said.

Mr. Jackson talked about the adjudicated properties process. He gave the following scenario: a citizen buys an adjudicated property for \$100 with the hopes of going to the bank and acquiring a loan to fix it up. When they get to the bank, they discover that their title is not good, so the banks do not loan them the funds to fix up the property. The cheap property then becomes a property standard issue because the citizen does not have the money to fix it up. Mr. Jackson said that these properties should be vetted. Mr. Jackson further explained that Re-Invest Caddo holds the buyer more accountable for the development of the property.

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jones (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6256 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

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 ON THE NORTH SIDE OF NORTH LAKESHORE DRIVE, APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND AND SEVEN HUNDRED FEET EAST OF PINE ISLAND ROAD, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-1-7, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO R-A, RURAL AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to wit:

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located on the north side of North Lakeshore Drive, approximately one thousand and seven hundred feet east of Pine Island Road, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended from R-1-7 Single Family Residential Zoning District to R-A Rural Agricultural Zoning District:

13.32 ACS. M/L- TRACTS 4-8, 5-A & 5-8, 8. H. GRAY SURVEY IN SECS. 22 & 27(18-15), & 44.83 ACS. M/L - W/2 OF THE SW/4 OF SEC. 22 (18-15), LESS S. 1143.62 FT., THEREOF, & 6.00 ACS. M/L - FROM SW COR. OF SEC. 22(18-15), RUN N. 0 DEG. 33 MIN. E. 730.95 FT. ALONG SEC. LINE TO P.O.8., THENCE N. 0 DEG. 31 MIN. E. 412.62 FT., THENCE S. 89 DEG. 21 MIN. 33 SEC. E. 633.78 FT., THENCE S. 0 DEG. 39 MIN. 05 SEC. W. 412.62 FT., THENCE N. 89 DEG. 21 MIN. 33 SEC. W. 633.05 FT. TO P.O.8., Section 22, T18N, R15W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana AND 0.13 ACS. M/L- FROM THE SE COR. OF SEC. 21 (1815), RUN N. 0 DEG. 33 MIN. E. ALONG THE E. LINE OF SAID SEC. 2668.61 FT. TO THE PT. OF BEGIN.; THENCE S. 0 DEG. 33 MIN. W. 75 FT., HENCE N. 89 DEG. 32 MIN. 30 SEC. W. 75 FT., THENCE N. 0 DEG. 33 MIN. E. 75 FT., THENCE S. 89 DEG. 32 MIN. 30 SEC. E. 75 FT. TO THE PT. OF BEGIN. & 4.87 ACS. M/L- FROM THE E. 1/4 COR. OF SEC. 21 (18- 15), RUN W. 562.2 FT., THENCE S. 3 DEG. 11 MIN. 30 SEC. W. 89.1 FT. TO THE PT. OF BEGIN., THENCE N. 3 DEG. 11 MIN. 30 SEC. E. 89.1 FT., THENCE E. 487.2 FT., THENCE S. 0 DEG. 33 MIN. W. 75 FT., THENCE S. 89 DEG. 32 MIN. 30 SEC. E. 75 FT. TO THE E. LINE OF SE/4 OF SAID SEC., THENCE CONTINUE S. ALONG SAID LINE 259.93 FT., THENCE S. 77 DEG. 30 MIN. 15 SEC. W. TO A PT. THAT IS S. OF THE PT. OF BEGIN., THENCE N. TO THE PT. OF BEGIN., & from the southeast corner of Section 21, T18N, R15W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, run north 0° 33' east along

the east line of Section 21 for 2,333.68 feet to the Point of Beginning of the tract herein described, continue thence north 0° 33' east 334.93 feet to a Government Monument, run thence north 89° 32' 30" west 562.2 feet, thence south 3° 12' 30" west 89.6 feet, thence south 64°59' west 943.1 feet to a point on the northerly right-of-way line of North Lakeshore Drive, run thence south 55° 19' east 227.87 feet, thence north 77° 30' 15" east 1,262.85 feet to the Point of Beginning , containing 10.19 acres, more or less, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, municipally known as 7384 North Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana 71107, Section 21, T18N, R15W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 6357 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

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 SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTY, WITH ALL THEIR PROVISIONS INCLUDED HEREIN, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, on recommendation of the Shreveport-Caddo Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, adopted the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning Commission has determined that certain provisions in that Code should be changed to address recent issues and improve the application and administration of that Code and land use within the Planning and Zoning Commission's jurisdiction within Caddo Parish;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, having considered the recommendations of the Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning Commission, agrees that such changes are desirable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that volume II of the code of ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, to add various new provisions and procedures relative to short-term rental property in Article 5. - Uses; Article 6. - Use Standards; Article 15. - Application Procedures; and Article 23. - Short-Term Rental Property, with all provisions included therein.

I. Article 5, Section 5.2, Table 5-1 USE MATRIX is amended to read as follows:

- Delete the row "~~Transient Vacation Rental~~" from Table 5-1: Use Matrix.
- Add new row "Short-Term Rental Property" as a permitted use (P) / special exception use (E) in the following zoning districts.

<u>R-A (P/E)</u>	<u>C-1 (P/E)</u>
<u>R-E (P/E)</u>	<u>C-2 (P/E)</u>
<u>R-1-12 (P/E)</u>	<u>C-3 (PIE)</u>
<u>R-1-10 (P/E)</u>	<u>C-4 (PIE)</u>
<u>R-1-7 (P/E)</u>	<u>C-UC (P/E)</u>
<u>R-1-5 (P/E)</u>	<u>C-UV (P/E)</u>
<u>R-UC (P/E)</u>	<u>D-1-CBD (P/E)</u>
<u>R-HU (P/E)</u>	<u>D-1-E (P/E)</u>
<u>R-TH (P/E)</u>	<u>D-1-CMU (P/E)</u>
<u>R-2 (P/E)</u>	<u>D-1-RMU (P/E)</u>
<u>R-3 (P/E)</u>	<u>D-1-AC (P/E)</u>
<u>R-4 (P/E)</u>	<u>D-1-HC (P/E)</u>
<u>R-MHS (P/E)</u>	<u>I-MU (P/E)</u>

II. Article 5, Section 5.3 is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. - USES
5.3- USE DEFINITIONS

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Bed and Breakfast. A single-family residential dwelling, or portion of a residential dwelling, where a resident and/or owner, who lives on the premises, provides lodging for a daily fee in guest rooms with no in-room cooking facilities and prepares meals for guests. A bed and breakfast may include dining facilities.

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Short-Term Rental Property (STR). Defined in Article 23.

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Transient Vacation Rentals. A dwelling or a room or suites of rooms, with or without culinary facilities, is subject to a transient vacation rental agreement with an occupancy duration of fewer than 30 days. All transient vacation rentals must be licensed by the Director of Finance.

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III. Article 6, Section 6.1 is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6. - USE STANDARDS
6.1- PRINCIPAL USE STANDARDS

E. Bed and Breakfast

1. The exterior of a bed and breakfast must maintain its original appearance as a single-family dwelling. Parking for any bed and breakfast shall comply with all applicable parking provisions as described in Article 9 of this Code. All vehicles shall be parked in designated parking areas, and parking is prohibited in any landscaped area. No parking may be located in front of the front building line.
2. Cooking facilities are prohibited in individual guest rooms.
- ~~3. Leasing a common dining area for social events is prohibited. No retail sales are permitted.~~
3. Breakfast must be served to guests at as minimum. Meals may only be served to registered guests unless the meal is part of a special event. Special events may only be allowed through a temporary use permit approved by the Zoning Administrator.
4. Guest stays are limited to a maximum of 14 consecutive days.
- ~~5. Bed and breakfasts are limited to a maximum of eight guests. Bed and breakfast facilities are limited to having six (6) or less guests rooms, and may not exceed two (2) adults per room. If the bed and breakfast wishes to allow more than the maximum number of allowed rooms and/or adults per room, special exception use approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals is required.~~
6. One sign, either freestanding or wall, is permitted. Such a sign may not exceed six square feet and is limited to five feet in height.
7. Bed and breakfasts are permitted to host private events including, but not limited to, ~~wedding receptions, holiday parties, and fundraisers~~ luncheons, banquets, parties, weddings, meetings, charitable fundraising, commercial or advertising activities, or other similar gatherings for direct or indirect compensation, but must obtain a temporary use permit in accordance with Article 16. Private events may include food and beverages that are prepared and served on-site or by a caterer to invited guests. Live entertainment may be provided as an ancillary use as part of an event.

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KK. Short-Term Rental Property

All Short-Term Rental properties are subject to all regulations, standards, and permit registration process as established in Article 23 of this Code, as well as any law, ordinance, or regulation established in the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances.

~~LL. Transient Vacation Rentals~~

~~All transient vacation rentals are subject to the requirements of this Code and the following standards:-~~

- ~~1. Transient Occupants mean any person or guest or invitee of such person who occupies or is in actual or apparent control or possession of residential property registered as a Vacation Rental.~~
- ~~2. Transient Vacation Rental shall mean any dwelling unit that is advertised or held out to the public to be rented to Transient Occupants.~~
- ~~3. All transient vacation rentals must be licensed by the Director of Finance.~~

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IV. Article 15, Section 15.1 is amended by substituting Exhibit C hereto in place of the existing Table 15-1.

V. Add Article 23, as referenced hereto in Exhibit D.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 6386 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

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 VARIOUS CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS, WITH ALL THEIR PROVISIONS INCLUDED HEREIN, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, on recommendation of the Shreveport-Caddo Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, adopted the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning Commission has determined that certain provisions in that Code should be changed to address recent issues and improve the application and administration of that Code and land use within the Planning and Zoning Commission's jurisdiction within Caddo Parish;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, having considered the recommendations of the Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning Commission, agrees that such changes are desirable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that volume II of the code of ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, to add various new provisions and procedures to Article 1. - Title, Purpose, and Applicability, Article 2. - Definitions and Rules of Measurement, Article 4. - Zoning

District Regulations, and Article 7. - On-Site Development Standards, and shall be amended as follows:

I. Article 1, Section 1.3 is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. - TITLE, PURPOSE, AND APPLICABILITY
1.3- APPLICABILITY

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D. Relation to Private Agreements

~~This Code does not nullify any private agreement or covenant. However, where this Code is more restrictive than a private agreement or covenant, this Code controls. Those charged with administration and enforcement of this Code do not enforce any private agreement.~~

This Code is not intended to abrogate, annul, or otherwise interfere with any private agreement, easement, covenant, restriction, or other private legal relationship. The Zoning Administrator is responsible for enforcing this Code; it does not enforce private agreements, easements, covenants, or restrictions except those specifically required for the administration and enforcement of this Code.

II. Article 2, Section 2.2 is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. - DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF MEASUREMENT
2.2- DEFINITION OF GENERAL TERMS

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Shoreline. The mean high-water line.

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Waterfront Lot. A lot bounded on at least one side by water and located on the perimeter of a permanently established body of water such as a lake, river or bayou.

III. Article 4. Section 4.6 is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4. - ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS
4.6- SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS

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F. CLO Cross Lake Overlay Zoning District

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5. Accessory Structures

- a. An accessory structure on a waterfront lot may be located in the front yard.
- b. The front yard of a waterfront lot is the yard that faces the shoreline. If more than one yard faces the shoreline, the rear yard is the one that provides access to a road and the front yard is determined accordingly.

IV. Article 7. Section 7.2 is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 7. - ON-SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS
7.2- EXTERIOR LIGHTING

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C. Luminaire with Cut Off Standards

- 1. To be considered a cut off luminaire, the cut off angle must be 75 degrees or less.
- 2. The maximum total height of a cut off luminaire, either

freestanding or attached to a structure, is 25 feet. Any luminaire greater than 25 feet in total height requires ~~special use approval~~ a variance.

3. A cut off luminaire must be designed to completely shield the light source from an observer three and one-half feet above the ground at any point along an abutting lot line.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 6387 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

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 SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LINWOOD AVENUE AND MAYO ROAD, CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM R-A RURAL-AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO C-2 CORRIDOR COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to wit:

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located on the southwest corner of Linwood Avenue and Mayo Road, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended from **R-A Rural-Agricultural district to C-2 Corridor Commercial district**:

A tract of land being bound on the North by Rose Avenue as recorded in book 450, page 177, on the East by Linwood Avenue as recorded in book 251, page 342, and on the South by Wildwood South, as recorded in book 900, page 591, all in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and being located in the North half of the Southeast quarter of Section 14, Township 16 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows: commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 14, Township 16 North, Range 14 West Caddo Parish, Louisiana, thence North along the East Line of said Section 14 a called distance of 1,936 feet, thence West a distance of 30 feet to the intersection of the westerly right of way line of Linwood Avenue as recorded in book 251, page 342, and an Easterly projection of the North line of Wildwood South, as recorded in book 900, page 591, both in the conveyance records of Caddo parish, Louisiana, and being the point of beginning of the tract described herein; thence continue West a distance of 20 feet along said easterly projection to the Northeast corner of said Wildwood South; thence West along the North Line of said Wildwood South a distance of 230.00 feet; thence North a distance of 708.00 feet to the South right of way line of Rose Avenue as recorded in book 450, page 177, conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; thence East a distance of 250.00 feet to the West right of way line of said Linwood Avenue; thence South a distance of 710.00 feet along said West right of way line to the point of beginning; said tract herein described containing 4.07 acres, more or less. This description was created without the benefit of an actual on the ground survey. Section 14, T16N, R14W, Caddo parish, Louisiana., Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 6388 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE PARISH UNDER LA.R.S. 47:2236 TO ACQUIRE FULL OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN NINE PARCELS, NAMELY: EAST 28.5 FEET OF LOT 29 & WEST 16 FEET OF LOT 28, BLOCK 2, GILMER SUBDIVISION (GEO NO. 181331-075-0051-00); EAST 24 FEET OF LOT 28 & WEST HALF OF LOT 27, BLOCK 2, GILMNER SUBDIVISION (181331-075-0035-00); LOT 21, BLOCK 2, GILMER SUBDIVISION (GEO NO. 181331-075-0021-00); LOT 20, BLOCK 2, GILMER SUBDIVISION (GEO NO. 181331-075-0020-00); LOT 17 & WEST 10 FEET OF LOT 16, BLOCK C, HIGHLAND PARK SUBDIVISION (GEO NO. 181331-072-0106-00); WEST 30 FEET OF LOT 19 & EAST 10 FEET OF LOT 20, BLOCK C, HIGHLAND PARK SUBDIVISION (GEO NO. 181331-072-0111-00); LOT 35 & EAST HALF OF LOT 36, BELLMONT SUBDIVISION (GEO NO. 181331-050-0091-00); LOT 38 & EAST 10 FEET OF LOT 39, EMERALD HILL SUBDIVISION (GEO NO. 171305-006-0038-00); LOT 7, WOODLAWN SUBDIVISION (GEO NO. 171305-038-0007-00) AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Taylor Family Property, LLC and SJR Investments have separately applied under Section 19-31 of the Code of Ordinances to acquire certain property adjudicated to the Parish for unpaid property taxes;

WHEREAS, Taylor Family Property, LLC and SJR Investments meet the requirements to acquire those properties based on their applications;

WHEREAS, these properties are adjudicated to the Parish for unpaid property taxes;

WHEREAS, under the Caddo Reinvest program the Parish is required to take full ownership interest in these properties prior to transferring them to Taylor Family Property, LLC and SJR Investments;

WHEREAS, taking full ownership interest under La. R.S. 47:2236 requires the Parish to duly adopt and record an ordinance declaring the Parish's intent to acquire full ownership of the subject properties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal, and regular session convened, that pursuant to La R.S. 47:2236, it does declare its intent to acquire full ownership interest in the following described properties:

- a) East 28.5 feet of Lot 29 & West 16 feet of Lot 28, Block 2, Gilmer Subdivision (Geo. No. 181331-075-0051-00)
- b) East 24 feet of Lot 28 & West Half of Lot 27, Block 2, Gilmer Subdivision (Geo. No. 181331-075-0035-00)
- c) Lot 21, Block 2, Gilmer Subdivision (181331-075-0021-00)
- d) Lot 20, Block 2, Gilmer Subdivision (181331-075-0020-00)
- e) Lot 17 & West 10 feet of Lot 16, Block C, Highland Park Subdivision (Geo. No. 181331- 072-0106-00)
- f) West 30 feet of Lot 19 & East 10 feet of Lot 20, Block C, Highland Park Subdivision (Geo. No. 181331-072-0111-00)
- g) Lot 35 & East Half of Lot 36, Bellmont Subdivision (Geo. No. 181331-050-0091-00)
- h) Lot 38 & East 10 feet of Lot 39, Emerald Hill Subdivision (Geo. No. 171305-006-0038- 00)
- i) Lot 7, Woodlawn Subdivision (Geo. No. 171305-038-0007-00)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Parish Administrator, or her designee is directed to

comply with the requirements of La R.S. 47:2236, including but not limited to recordation of this ordinance, giving of notice in accordance with the statutes, filing of the notice, and filing of the affidavit in accordance with the statutes.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 6389 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE SHREVE MEMORIAL LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR 2024

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission, in legal and regular session convened, that the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the **Shreve Memorial Library** for the year 2024, is hereby adopted and appropriated as follows, to wit

2024 BUDGET

Revenues

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 17,237,600
State Revenue Sharing	340,000
Interest Earned	10,000
Other Receipts	280,000
Fine and Forfeitures	<u>6,000</u>
Total Revenues	17,873,600

Expenditures

Shreve Memorial Library Maintenance and Operation	17,378,600
Library Debt Service	--
Capital	<u>6,185,000</u>
Total Expenditures	23,563,600

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures (5,690,000)

Fund Balance at Beginning of Year 24,932,500

Fund Balance at End of Year \$ 19,242,500

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any time during the year the Shreve Memorial Library Board of Control shall have the authority to transfer part or all of the unencumbered appropriation from one budget category to another budget category within the Library Fund.

ZONING ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 6393 of 2023, in regards to PZC Case No. 23-7-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 accessory structures, with all their provisions included herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6394 of 2023, in regards to PZC Case No. 23-15-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 at the northeast lot of South Lakeshore Drive and Page Landing Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District to O-S, Open Space Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6395 of 2023, in regards to PZC Case No. 23-31-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 on the north side of Old Mooringsport Road, approximately 930 feet west of Hwy 71, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District to R-A-PUD, Rural-Agricultural Planned Unit Development Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- Ordinance No. 6390 of 2023, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund for the year 2023 to reduce revenues for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 6391 of 2023, An ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Debt Service Fund for the year 2023 to appropriate bond proceeds
- Ordinance No. 6392 of 2023, An ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Capital Improvement III Fund and amending the Budget for the Debt Service Fund for the year 2023 to transfer 2023 bond proceeds to the Capital Improvement III Fund
- Ordinance No. 6396 of 2023, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Oil & Gas Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$35,000 to provide for an appropriation for an addition to the I-49 Welcome Sign and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 6397 of 2023, an ordinance amending and re-enactive Ordinance No. 6342 of 2023, establishing and merging precincts consistent with the 2023 Caddo Parish Commission Districts in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 18:532.1, to amend certain precinct legal descriptions and otherwise providing with respect thereto

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the Work Session Minutes from November 6, 2023 be ratified. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that Resolution No. 54 of 2023, a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the Special Election held in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, to authorize the levy of special tax therein be adopted.

Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, to englobo and adopt the following resolutions:

- Resolution No. 54 of 2023, a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the Special Election held in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, to authorize the levy of special tax therein
- Resolution No. 55 of 2023, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to approve the assignment, bill of sale, and conveyance of that certain right of way agreement from the Parish of Caddo as grantor to Gulf States Pipeline Corporation as grantee and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- Resolution No. 58 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the Parish Administrator to retain special legal counsel and otherwise providing with respect thereto

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

RESOLUTION NO. 54 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein, and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of **20,857** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition and a total of **22,709** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition, resulting in a majority of **1,852** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **DEFEATED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by §18:1292 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Caddo, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Todd A. Hopkins	_____	_____	X	_____
Lyndon B. Johnson	X	_____	_____	_____
Steven Jackson	X	_____	_____	_____
John-Paul Young	X	_____	_____	_____
Roy Burrell	X	_____	_____	_____
Steffon D. Jones	_____	_____	X	_____
Stormy Gage-Watts	X	_____	_____	_____
Grace Anne Blake	X	_____	_____	_____
John E. Atkins	X	_____	_____	_____
Mario Chavez	X	_____	_____	_____
Ed Lazarus	X	_____	_____	_____
Kenneth Epperson, Sr.	X	_____	_____	_____

And this resolution was declared adopted on this, the 9th day of November, 2023.

/s/Jeff Everson
Clerk

/s/ Roy Burrell
President

RESOLUTION NO. 55 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE THE ASSIGNMENT, BILL OF SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF THAT CERTAIN RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT FROM THE PARISH OF CADDO AS GRANTOR TO GULF STATES PIPELINE CORPORATION AS GRANTEE AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is the Grantor in that certain Right Of Way Agreement from the Caddo Parish Commission to Gulf States Pipeline Corporation, as Grantee, dated October 15, 1993, and recorded at registry No. 1406452 of the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, that certain Right Of Way Agreement from the Caddo Parish Commission to Gulf States Pipeline Corporation, as Grantee, dated October 15, 1993, and recorded at registry No. 1406452 of the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana has been conveyed by various assignments, bills of sale, mergers or name changes to Arapahoe SPV, LLC, and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from Arapahoe SPV, LLC, seeking approval from the Caddo Parish Commission of an assignment, bill of sale and conveyance of all

of Arapahoe SPV, LLC, interest in that certain Right Of Way Agreement from the Caddo Parish Commission to Gulf States Pipeline Corporation, as Grantee, dated October 15, 1993, and recorded at registry No. 1406452, to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Administrator is hereby authorized to approve the assignment, bill of sale and conveyance of that certain Right Of Way Agreement from the Caddo Parish Commission to Gulf States Pipeline Corporation, as Grantee, dated October 15, 1993, and recorded at registry No. 1406452 of the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

RESOLUTION NO. 58 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO RETAIN SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, insulin prices have steadily increased over the years; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that insulin manufacturers and pharmacy benefit managers may have colluded to inflate the cost of insulin; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments are attempting to recover costs associated with inflated insulin prices; and

WHEREAS Caddo Parish should attempt to recover its costs associated with inflated insulin prices; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Attorney recommends the retention of outside counsel to handle this litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session concerned that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator or his designee to retain on behalf of Caddo Parish The Mack Firm to represent Caddo Parish in insulin litigation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provision of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolution or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Resolution No. 56 of 2023, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to approve the assignment, bill of sale, and conveyance of State Agency Leases 22148 and 22149 from Theophilus Oil, Gas & Land Services, LLC, to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, and Lazarus (10). NAYS: Commissioners Epperson and Young (2). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 56 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE THE ASSIGNMENT, BILL OF SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF STATE AGENCY LEASES 22148, AND 22149

FROM THEOPHILUS OIL, GAS & LAND SERVICES, LLC, TO PALOMA NATURAL GAS, LLC, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is a Lessor in that certain oil, gas and mineral lease from the Caddo Parish Commission to Theophilus Oil, Gas & Land Services, LLC, in State Agency Lease 22148, dated June 14, 2023, and recorded at registry No. 2936751 of the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and that certain oil, gas and mineral lease from the Caddo Parish Commission to Theophilus Oil, Gas & Land Services, LLC, in State Agency Lease 22149, dated June 14, 2023, and recorded at registry No. 2936752; of the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from Theophilus Oil, Gas & Land Services, LLC, seeking approval from the Caddo Parish Commission of an assignment, bill of sale and conveyance of State Agency Leases 22148 and 22149, from Theophilus Oil, Gas & Land Services, LLC, to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Administrator is hereby authorized to approve the assignment, bill of sale and conveyance of State Agency Leases 22148 and 22149 from Theophilus Oil, Gas & Land Services, LLC, to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson** to amend Resolution No.57 of 2023 and have the meetings start at 4:30 p.m. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

It was then **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that Resolution No. 57 of 2023, a resolution giving written public notice of the regularly scheduled meetings of the Caddo Parish Commission for the calendar year 2024, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.

Mr. Jackson said that the later start time would allow for more citizen participation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 57 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION GIVING WRITTEN PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is hereby giving written public notice of its regularly scheduled meetings for the calendar year 2024 pursuant to R.S. 42:7; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is required by law to fix the time, day, and place of its regular meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission shall meet on the Thursday following the first and third Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the Government Chamber of the First Floor of the Government Plaza, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, unless a holiday, and then on the business day immediately following, or on such other days as the Commission may set.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission shall meet in work session on the Monday preceding the regular session, at 3:30 p.m. in the Government Chamber of the First Floor of the Government Plaza, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, unless Monday is a legal holiday, and then on the business day following, or on such other day as the Commission may set.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 3-06. Commission Meetings and Rules of the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter prescribes that the Commission shall meet regularly at least once in

every month; therefore, the Commission will meet only once during the month of July, 2024 and that being on July 25, 2024, preceded by a Work Session on July 22, 2024, and that the Commission will meet only once in a regular session during the month of December, 2024, and that being on December 5, 2024, preceded by a work session on December 2, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission may meet in duly called special session at other times of the year as may be necessary with proper notice to the public as prescribed by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declare severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- *Reduce in the Festivals & Events allocation of American Rescue Plan funding by \$25,000 and add an allocation for the Eddie Hughes Stuffed Shrimp Festival for revenue replacement of \$25,000*
- *Appoint Abigail Johnson to the Pinehill Waterworks Board (term to expire September 7, 2027 and appoint Troy Evans to Pinehill Waterworks Board (term to expire May 20, 2027)*

Friendly amendment by Mr. Jackson, *that the motion be amended to advance authorization of Commissioner travel to attend Southern University Board of System and Southern University Board of Supervisors meeting in the englobo.*

Mr. Hopkins wanted to know where the funds were coming from for the Stuffed Shrimp Festival. Mr. Johnson said that these funds are coming from American Rescue Plan funding. Mrs. Bryant said that the base year is 2019 as compared to 2020. This event qualifies because there is loss of revenue, but it has not returned to the level that it was before.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Resolution No. 58 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the Parish Administrator to retain special legal counsel and otherwise providing with respect thereto be reconsidered.*

Mr. Atkins reviewed the text of the resolution and stated that he is not familiar with Mac Firm. It was his impression that the Commission was seeking a local firm for the insulin project. Mr. Atkins then asked Attorney Bernstein the reason for recommending this firm. Attorney Bernstein stated that Legal did not author this resolution. He also stated that the Parish Attorney has not designated anyone at this point.

Mr. Jackson said that his vote should be a YAY.

Mr. Epperson said that a member from this body could recommend a firm. He pointed out that a representative from the Mac Firm is in the audience today to answer any questions.

Mr. Chavez pointed out that legislation should go through the Parish Attorney's Office prior to being placed on the agenda. Attorney Bernstein stated that the Parish Attorney's Office drafts the agenda, but it is not sponsored by Administration. He also pointed out that Attorney Frazier has to approve the hiring of any counsel.

Mr. Young wanted to know if this resolution would bind her approval. Attorney Bernstein stated that it does not. He further explained that Attorney Frazier and this body would have to approve outside counsel.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that Legal drafts and reviews the legislation prior to it being put on the agenda.

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

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

The Commission then moved onto the next New Business item, *discuss impact for Johnny Grey Jones closing and discuss alternative plans/placements for juveniles*.

Mr. Randall said that the closure of Johnny Grey Jones will have some effect on Caddo Juvenile Services. He explained that the shelter houses thirty-two juveniles who are runaways, FINS matters, truancy, and things of that nature. Currently, there are two children from Caddo Parish (OJJ and DCFS) being housed at Johnny Grey Jones.

Mr. Randall also said that there will be a Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) meeting on November 15 to discuss the closure. Answering a question from Mr. Jackson regarding the closing date of Johnny Grey Jones, Mr. Randall stated that it will be closed on November 30, 2023.


Mr. Jackson would like to revisit the Brandon Home as an alternative. Mr. Randall explained that the Brandon Home is a group home. Mr. Randall also said that he will brief the Commission the developments of the LEO meeting.

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Chavez thanked the Commissioners for their support with the Standing With Israel Proclamation.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant to the Commission Clerk


Roy A. Burrell
President