

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF  
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:34 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Burrell, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, and Young (9). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, Jackson, Jones (3).

The invocation was given by Mr. Hopkins with a moment of silence, and Mr. Young led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Young, *to expand the agenda and add Special Resolution Of Recognition Dr. Antonio T. Dixon, Sr. Pastor, and Adopt A Resolution Of Recognition For Shreveport Green Executive Director Donna Curtis.*

The Chair opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or opposition to the agenda addition. There being no one to speak in favor or against the agenda addition, the Chair closed the public hearing.

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

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Public comment by Diane Long regarding issues with animal services.

**ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to suspend the rules and consider Special Resolution Of Recognition For The Centenary Football Team.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Jackson, and Jones (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Young asked admin to request crosswalk at centenary to be improved for safe walking. Mr. Jackson discussed the economic impact of the college team and the growth of the college team to attract talent to Shreveport.

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to adopt Special Resolution Of Recognition For The Centenary Football Team.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jones (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR THE CENTENARY COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA FOOTBALL TEAM WHEREAS, Centenary College fielded a college football team until 1941, contributing to the rich history of collegiate athletics in Caddo Parish; and WHEREAS, The Centenary football team was discontinued for the duration of World War II due to budget deficits and declining fan interest, leaving a void in the hearts of many; and WHEREAS, despite previous attempts to reinstate the football program in 1947 and later in the 1960s, the cherished tradition remained dormant for many decades; and WHEREAS, On November 10, 2021, a historic announcement was made, signifying the revival of Centenary College's football program, igniting excitement and enthusiasm; and WHEREAS, On March 30, 2022, another historic decision was made by naming Shreveport's own Bryon Dawson as the new Head Coach of the Gents, marking a milestone as the first African American Head Football Coach in the school's history; and WHEREAS, The Centenary College of Louisiana's football team has shown remarkable prowess on the field this season, boasting an impressive 3-0 record and an explosive offense, outscoring their three opponents by a total of 170-33; and WHEREAS, The Gents' recent performance has been nothing short of exceptional, with a staggering score of 136-6 over their last two games, including a resounding victory of 79-6 against Louisiana Community Christian College on September 9 and a commanding win of 57-0 against John Melvin on September 16; and WHEREAS, The Gents will continue their pursuit of excellence as they prepare to face John Melvin again on Saturday, October 14, in Crowley, and are scheduled to play their final home game of the season on Wednesday, October 18, against TWA College at 6 p.m., adding to the excitement surrounding Centenary College's football revival; NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Caddo Parish Commission that we hereby recognize and honor the Centenary College of Louisiana's Football Team for their pivotal role in resurrecting the football tradition at Centenary College, their remarkable athletic achievements, and the excitement they have brought to our community. FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented to the Centenary College of Louisiana's Football Team as a testament to our community's pride and support for their team.

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

- *Special* Regular Session Minutes From September 21, 2023
- *Special* Resolution Of Appreciation For Captain Thomas F. Murphy
- *Special Resolution* For Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- *Special* Resolution Of Recognition For Cindy Dyer, President Of The Louisiana REALTORS Association
- *Special* Resolution Proclaiming Disability Employment Awareness Month
- *Special* Resolution Recognizing Filipino American Awareness Month
- *Special* Resolution Of Recognition For Dr. Antonio T. Dixon, Sr., Pastor
- *Adopt* A Resolution Of Recognition For Shreveport Green Executive Director Donna Curtis

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

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR CAPTAIN THOMAS F. MURPHY WHEREAS, Captain Thomas F. Murphy has honorably and selflessly served as a Commissioner on the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission since 2007; WHEREAS, Captain Thomas F. Murphy's dedication, commitment, and expertise have played an instrumental role in the continued growth, development, and success of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission; WHEREAS, Captain Thomas F. Murphy's unwavering leadership and vision have helped advance the strategic goals and objectives of the Port Commission, contributing significantly to its positive impact on the economic well-being of Caddo Parish and the broader region; WHEREAS, Captain Thomas F. Murphy has exhibited a deep understanding of the critical role that the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port plays in the transportation and economic infrastructure of our community, and his tireless efforts have led to numerous achievements in support of this mission; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission extends its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Captain Thomas F. Murphy for his exemplary service as a Commissioner on the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission acknowledges Captain Thomas F. Murphy's steadfast dedication to the betterment of our community, his outstanding leadership, and his significant contributions to the growth and success of the Port Commission; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Special Resolution shall be presented to Captain Thomas F. Murphy in a public ceremony as a token of our deep appreciation and as a lasting testament to his outstanding service. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this Special Resolution be made available to the public and included in the official records of the Caddo Parish Commission.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH WHEREAS, October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and WHEREAS, breast cancer touches the lives of Caddo residents from every background and every community across our Parish; and WHEREAS, though great strides have been made in combatting this devastating illness, more women and men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and hundreds are expected to lose their lives to this disease in Caddo Parish; and WHEREAS, during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Caddo Parish Commission honors those we have lost, lend our strength to those who carry on the fight, and pledge to educate ourselves and our loved ones about this tragic disease; and WHEREAS, this month we stand with the mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, and friends who have been affected by breast cancer, and we recognize the ongoing efforts of dedicated advocates, researchers, and health care providers who strive each day to defeat this terrible disease. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 5th day of October, 2023 that it does hereby proclaim October, 2023 as: 'BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH' in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR CINDY DYER FOR HER ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the outstanding achievements and contributions of individuals who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in their respective fields; and WHEREAS, Cindy Dyer, a respected member of our community and a prominent figure in the real estate industry, has recently been elected as the President of the Louisiana Association of REALTORS; and WHEREAS, Cindy Dyer's dedication, commitment, and exemplary service to the real estate profession have made her a trailblazer and an inspiration to others; and WHEREAS, Cindy Dyer has tirelessly devoted her time, energy, and expertise to enhancing the real estate industry, fostering positive relationships within the community, and championing the highest ethical standards; and WHEREAS, Cindy Dyer's significant achievements include her role as a licensed Louisiana REALTOR and Associate Broker, her consistent multi-million-dollar production in various real estate sectors, her commitment to excellence, and her dedication to building lasting client relationships; and WHEREAS, Cindy Dyer's involvement in the Louisiana REALTORS® Political Action Committee, membership in the Louisiana REALTORS® Board of Directors, and service as Secretary/Treasurer and President-Elect of the Louisiana REALTORS® demonstrate her unwavering commitment to advancing the real estate profession; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission that we hereby extend our heartfelt congratulations and appreciation to Cindy Dyer for her remarkable

achievements and her historic election as the 2024 President of the Louisiana Association of REALTORS; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend Cindy Dyer for her dedication to integrity, customer service, and the highest ethical standards in the real estate industry, and for her tireless efforts to benefit local animal rescues and shelters through the Real Estate to the Rescue initiative; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we express our gratitude to Cindy Dyer for her role as a leader and mentor within the Shreveport-Bossier community and for her contributions to the growth and success of the real estate profession in our region; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we wish Cindy Dyer continued success in all her future endeavors and express our confidence in her ability to lead with distinction and dedication as the President of the Louisiana Association of REALTORS.

Proclamation National Disability Employment Month Whereas , Caddo Parish employers, government agencies and nonprofit agencies, including Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana, the ARC of Caddo Bossier and the Louisiana Association for the Blind, join together in October to honor the contributions of workers with disabilities by celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM); and Whereas , as our economy works to thrive while adapting to modern challenges, companies have a critical need for skilled and reliable workers of all backgrounds. The Caddo Parish Commission asks for employers to consider hiring people with disabilities and adopt inclusive policies and practices in the workplace; and Whereas , The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that just over 21% of Americans with disabilities participate in the labor force, compared with more than 67% of people in the general population. We should work together to ensure that all Americans who want to work can work, and that they have access to services that enable them to do so. Further, people with disabilities are a dependable and valuable workforce who have higher rates of employee retention, which reduces hiring and training costs; and Whereas , Caddo Parish is blessed with partner organizations who are dedicated to an inclusive workforce such as Goodwill Industries, who place disabled workers into jobs, host job fairs and provide support services like rehabilitation programs for people with injuries or illnesses; the ARC of Caddo-Bossier who among their many services seeks new ways to provide meaningful employment for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by facilitating Federal and private contract work for the disabled and offering programs like the Conly Day Program which provides work training and job sampling to potential employees to help prepare them for full or part-time employment; and the Louisiana Association for the Blind whose wide array of services includes innovative programs like the Assistive Technology program designed to meet changing workplace needs and utilize technology like scanners, voice-to-text, & electronic video magnifiers to enable people who are blind or visually impaired to access the world around them and the opportunities that come along with that access; and Whereas , the U.S. Department of Labor has designated October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month with an emphasis on the theme Advancing Access and Equity: Then, Now, and Next; and Whereas , Parish of Caddo recognizes the benefits of a work force open to and comprised of all who are interested in working; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved , by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby proclaim October 2023 as: 'National Disability Employment Awareness Month ' in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month.

PROCLAMATION OF WELCOME AND RECOGNITION to THE FIL-AM ASSOCIATION OF THE ARK-LA-TEX WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is pleased to acknowledge events of significance that occur in the community, and to recognize the organizations and individuals who are now and for a long time have been in the forefront of positive and worthy activities and deeds that accrue to the benefit of all; and WHEREAS, such an organization is the Fil-Am Association of the ARK-LA-TEX, who will be hosting Filipino American Heritage Month Celebration Gala at the LSUS Ballroom on October 21, 2023; and WHEREAS, the Fil-Am Association of the Ark-La-Tex. was founded to celebrate, educate and encourage Filipino American heritage to not only their members but to the communities in which their citizens live and serve on a daily basis ; and WHEREAS, the first recognized permanent Filipino settlement in the United States was in Saint Malo, Louisiana in 1763. Saint Malo, a fishing community which put in motion the economic, cultural, social and other notable contributions that Filipino Americans have made in countless ways toward the development of the history of the United States; and WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have contributed greatly to the fine arts, music, literature, education, business, journalism, sports, fashion, politics, government, science, technology, and other fields which enrich the landscape of the United States of America. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in legal session convened, that it does hereby welcome and recognize October 2023 as: "FILIPINO AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, entreating all citizens of the Parish to join in applauding this observance and in welcoming and honoring Fil-Am Association of the Ark-La-Tex members and guests.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR DR. ANTONIO T. DIXON WHEREAS, Dr. Antonio T. Dixon has faithfully served as the shepherd of Steeple Chase Baptist Church for twelve remarkable years, providing spiritual guidance, leadership, and inspiration to the members of our community; and WHEREAS, Dr. Antonio T. Dixon's dedicated service has greatly contributed to the spiritual growth and well-being of the residents of Caddo Parish, fostering a sense of unity and compassion within our community; and WHEREAS, October 8th marks the forty-third birthday of Dr. Antonio T. Dixon, a significant milestone in his life's journey, deserving of recognition and celebration; and WHEREAS, Dr. Antonio T. Dixon's unwavering commitment to the values of faith, love, and community service has had a positive and lasting impact on the lives of countless individuals throughout Caddo Parish; and WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the Caddo Parish Commission to honor Dr. Antonio T. Dixon for his outstanding contributions to our community and to express our heartfelt appreciation for his dedicated service as the spiritual leader of Steeple Chase Baptist Church, as well as his work as a teacher and basketball coach at Ridgewood Middle School, his civic contributions as a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and charitable service through Steeple of

Success; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby declares October 8th as "DR. ANTONIO T. DIXON DAY" in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in recognition of his twelve years of exemplary service as the shepherd of Steeple Chase Baptist Church and in celebration of his forty-third birthday. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage all residents of Caddo Parish to join in the celebration of Dr. Antonio T. Dixon Day by acknowledging his contributions to our community and by extending our warmest wishes for a happy and blessed birthday.

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to return to regular session.*  
Motion carried unanimously.

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Regular Session Minutes June 8, 2023 and Special Session Minutes June 20, 2023 be adopted.* Motion carried.

### **COMMUNIQUES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mrs. Bryant discussed Administration work on elections and attending informational meetings and events to speak on the elections. Mrs. Bryant requested that Commissioners inform her of any opportunities for the Administration to speak.
- Mr. Jackson requested that Animal Services address trapping a pit bull at Centenary Blvd. Mr. Jackson indicated that he would work with City Councilman Brooks on the property standards issue that affects the animal issue. Mr. Jackson discussed the commission's ability to assist with private landlord and tenant agreements and that the Commission could not force someone to relocate if that person does not want to leave. Mr. Jackson discussed partnering with Hope Connections and Providence House, and the limited availability of locations for tenants to move to that tenants would fall in the same situation they were trying to get out of. Mr. Jackson indicated that he has helped individuals receive vouchers to move, but individuals would have to do their diligence to find their next place to live. Mr. Jackson discussed having sit-down meetings to come to a solution to resolve issues of condemned apartment and rental housing establishments to meet supply and demand on quality available housing. Mr. Jackson discussed the progress on Ford Street project and requested that the Administration follow its progress.
- Mr. Atkins requested that Director Thomas receive the special resolution.
- Mrs. Bryant addressed Mr. Chavez's inquiry on the letter regarding Animal Services and that the Commission can vote to invite people to the executive session.
- Mrs. Bryant advised that the RFP for radar guns would be issued in November. Mr. Johnson indicated that at National Night Out he received complaints about speeding. Answering Mr. Johnson regarding the City of Shreveport's use of the \$75,000 appropriated funds are used to bring justice to the crime on July 4<sup>th</sup> in the MLK area, Mrs. Bryant indicated that the Administration is still working with Mr. Dark, the Police, and the City of Shreveport on how to use the funds. Mrs. Bryant indicated that the Commission put an item on the ballot for October 14<sup>th</sup> to provide additional funding for programs addressing crime.
- Mr. Epperson requested that Mrs. Bryant scrutinize the letter that is circulating. Mr. Epperson discussed that the issue be resolved in house. Mrs. Bryant advised that the Administration is not recommending an executive session and that an executive session would be left up to the Commission.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Burrell reported on the National Night Out in his district and the reception of the citizens to the ballot item. Mr. Burrell discussed citizen's appreciation for the mosquito service from Animal Services at the National Night Out area. Mr. Burrell reminded the Commission that NOBCO (National Organization of Black County Officials) Economic Development Conference is October 18-22, 2023 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Mr. Burrell discussed the change of location at the alert of NAACP.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES**

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

- *Ordinance No. 6355 Of 2023, An Ordinance Amending The Budget Of Estimated Revenues And Expenditures For The Oil And Gas Fund In The Amount Of \$12,000 To Provide An Appropriation For The Veteran Cemetery Sign And To Otherwise Provide With Respect Thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6356 Of 2023, An Ordinance Amending The Budgets Of Estimated Revenues And Expenditures For The Building Maintenance Fund, Capital Improvement Fund I, Capital Improvement Fund II, Oil And Gas Fund, Public Works Fund, Detention Facilities Fund And The Capital Outlay Fund For The Year 2023 To Terminate Completed Or Lapsed Capital Projects, And To Otherwise Provide With Respect Thereto*

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. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to adopt Ordinance No. 6355 of 2023*.

Mr. Epperson discussed the purpose of the ordinance. Mr. Young requested Attorney Frazier and Mrs. Bryant clarify which fund the appropriation would come from, which Mrs. Bryant advised that the appropriation would derive from both the Oil and Gas Fund and the Riverboat Fund.

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).

ORDINANCE NO. 6355 OF 2023 BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE OIL AND GAS FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE VETERAN CEMETERY SIGN AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission adopted Ordinance No. 3845 of 2000 donating 81.361 acres of land to the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs; and WHEREAS, the purpose of the donation was the construction of a state Veterans cemetery; and WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to appropriate \$12,000 to erect a plaque at the Veterans Cemetery to recognize this donation and collaboration; and WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2023 Oil and Gas and Riverboat Funds to provide appropriation of \$12,000 for the plaque; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Oil and Gas and Riverboat Fund for the year 2023 is hereby amended as follows: Budget Increase (Decrease) Oil and Gas Fund Professional Services \$12,000 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.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to adopt Ordinance No. 6356 of 2023*. 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).

ORDINANCE NO. 6356 OF 2023 BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND I, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND II, OIL AND GAS FUND, PUBLIC WORKS FUND, DETENTION FACILITIES FUND AND THE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND FOR THE YEAR 2023 TO TERMINATE COMPLETED OR LAPSED CAPITAL PROJECTS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission maintains an on-going capital improvement program; and WHEREAS, this program is funded from a variety of sources; and WHEREAS, Section 6.07 of the Home Rule Charter provides for the termination of capital appropriations; and WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the budgets of several funds in order to reflect the termination of these capital appropriations. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, hereby terminates capital appropriations identified in Attachment #1 to this ordinance and that the Budgets of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Building Maintenance Fund, Capital Improvement I Fund, Capital Improvement II Fund, Oil and Gas Fund, Public Works Fund, Detention Facilities Fund and Capital Outlay Fund for the year 2023 are hereby amended as follows: Line Item Budget Increase (Decrease) Capital Outlay Fund: Capital Expenditures \$ (1,648,259) Transfer to Building Maintenance 3,907 Transfer to Capital Improvement I Fund 7,926 Transfer to Capital Improvement II Fund 55 Transfer to Oil and Gas Fund 3 Transfer to Public Works Fund 1,634,907 Transfer to Detention Facilities Fund 1,461 Building Maintenance: Transfer from Capital Outlay Fund 3,907 Capital Improvement I Fund: Transfer from Capital Outlay Fund 7,926 Capital Improvement II Fund: Transfer from Capital Outlay Fund 55 Oil and Gas Fund: Transfer from Capital Outlay Fund 3 Public Works Fund: Transfer from Capital Outlay Fund 1,634,907 Detention Facilities Fund Transfer from Capital Outlay Fund 1,461 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.

#### **ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)**

- *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 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 (Public Hearing To Be Held During The November 9th Regular Session)*

**WORK SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Work Session Minutes from October 2, 2023 be ratified.* Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Resolution No. 50 of 2023, A Resolution To Authorize The Caddo Parish Administrator To Request And Authorize The Louisiana State Mineral And Energy Board And The Office Of Mineral Resources To Accept Nominations And Advertise For Oil, Gas And Mineral Leases, Accept Bids, And Award And Execute Oil, Gas And Mineral Leases On Certain Mineral Interests Owned By The Parish Of Caddo, And Otherwise Providing With Respect Thereto.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 50 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO REQUEST AND AUTHORIZE THE LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD AND THE OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES, ACCEPT BIDS, AND AWARD AND EXECUTE OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES ON CERTAIN MINERAL INTERESTS OWNED BY THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo may own certain mineral rights underlying the following described property, to-wit:

Those certain road dedications located in Section 7, Township 15 North, Range 15 West, known as Ridge Road, Ridgeway Street, Spring Street, Timber Ridge and Holly Ridge Drive and other unnamed or unbuilt roads, all located in Caddo Parish and containing 12.96 acres, more or less, and that certain adjudicated property described as Lot 3, Spring Village Subdivision, Unit No. 4, Geo. #151507-015-0003, containing .56 acres, more or less, with Section 7, Township 15 North, Range 15 West containing a total of 13.52 acres, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC., that the Parish seek public bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering said property; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo does not have the knowledge or resources available to determine if it owns the mineral rights and the Parish of Caddo will rely on the expertise and experience of the lessee in determining ownership; and

WHEREAS, it is expressly agreed that any lease granted by the Parish of Caddo and accepted by lessee is without any warranty of title and without any recourse against the Parish of Caddo whatsoever, either express or implied, and it is expressly agreed that the Parish of Caddo shall not be required to return any payments received or be otherwise responsible to lessee therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources, is available upon the request of Caddo Parish to lease the aforesaid property for oil, gas and other minerals if requested to do so by Caddo Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources, be and it is hereby requested and authorized to accept nominations and advertise for oil, gas and mineral leases, accept bids and award and execute oil, gas and mineral leases on the aforesaid properties of certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a no surface operations provision as follows: Lessee, its successors or assigns, may produce oil, gas and other minerals from the leased premises by drilling from a surface location on other lands, but notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, Lessee, its successors or assigns, shall not use the surface of the Lessor's property for drilling

or any other operations without prior written permission of Lessor, which permission may be withheld at Lessor's discretion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a horizontal pugh provision as follows: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, at the end of the primary term or any extension thereof by operations, if the Commission of Conservation of the State of Louisiana establishes a drilling unit which includes a part of the land herein leased, the production of oil, gas and other minerals from such unit shall maintain this lease in full force and effect only as to such portions of the leased land embraced in said pooled unit; and this lease shall expire as to that part of the land herein leased not included in such unit; and lessee, its successors and assigns agrees to relinquish by formal instrument any portion of the leased land not included in a unit created by the Commission of Conservation while this lease is in effect

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a vertical pugh provision as follows: Upon the expiration of the primary term hereof or any extension thereof by operations, this lease shall automatically terminate and be of no further force or effect except as to all that part of the leased premises then included within the geographical boundaries of a producing unit duly established by governmental agency or authority having jurisdiction, from the surface of the earth to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which any well commenced during the primary term hereof on the leased premises or on lands pooled therewith is completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a unit by unit basis. In the absence of units so established, this lease shall terminate except as to 40 acres around each producing oil well and 160 acres around each producing or shut-in gas well located on the leased premises, in as near the form of a square as is practicable, from the surface of the earth down to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which said well or wells are completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a well by well basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum royalty provision as follows: Royalty of not less than 1/4th or 25%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum bonus provision as follows: Bonus of not less than \$3,000.00 per acre.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a hard or solid mineral exclusion provision as follows: This lease shall exclude free sulphur, potash, lignite, salt and any other hard or solid mineral. Lessee shall not have any rights to explore, drill for, mine, produce or take any action whatsoever in regard to any such hard or solid mineral deposits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a maximum term provision as follows: Primary term of lease shall not exceed three (3) years.

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.

The Clerk clarified for Mr. Johnson the process to publishing the correct date for the special hearing for Ordinance No. 6256 of 2022.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to Authorize Reduction In The American Rescue Plan's 'TruFund -Business Resiliency Project' Allocation By \$200,000 And Add An Allocation For Visit Shreveport – Shreveport Sports Commission For Revenue Replacement Allocation Of \$200,000*

Mr. Johnson discussed the purpose of the allocation.

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

Mr. Atkins requested that Judge Callaway speak to the Commission and briefly introduced Judge Callaway.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to suspend the rules to allow Judge Callaway to speak.*

**Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to vote on the agenda item first. Substitute motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Young, *to Appoint To The Caddo-Bossier Port Commission Judge Stephen Callaway to fill the unexpired term of Captain Thomas F. Murphy. Term to Expire 3/31/25. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Judge Callaway discussed his purpose for the appointment. Mr. Epperson requested that Mr. Atkins nominate Judge Callaway as a Marine nominee for the Veterans Celebration Committee Honor Ceremony.

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mr. Young, *to Adopt The Recommendations Of The Property Standards Hearing Committee*  
*Case#1- Proceed with Demolition and Cleanup*  
*Case #2- Postpone for 60 days*  
*Case #3- Proceed with Demolition and Cleanup*  
*Case #4- Seal up the Trailer, demolish carport and storage sheds, and clean up.*  
*Case #5- Proceed with Demolition and Cleanup*

Mr. Young discussed the recommendations and clarified the recommendation for Case #2 from the Property Standards Hearing Committee meeting on October 2, 2023.

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

#### **COMMUNIQUES AND REPORTS**

- Mr. Young discussed a Dixie Garden Resident Neighborhood Meeting regarding a prospective SPUD at the corner of Dixie Garden and East 70th Street. Mr. Young indicated that there were no PZC or MPC representatives in attendance. Mr. Young wanted to know if zoning staff should attend those meetings, which Mr. Clark explained the intent of a neighborhood participation plan. Mr. Clark explained that developers would attend the meeting instead of MPC staff and that MPC receives a report of meeting. Mr. Young asked that Mr. Clark email him a copy of that report. Mr. Young discussed Animal Services' work on apprehending a pack of wild dogs terrorizing Spring Lake.
- Mr. Burrell and Mr. Clark discussed zoning and property standards issues in Mr. Burrell's District 5.

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

  
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Linda J. Montgomery  
Administrative Specialist I

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Roy Burrell  
President