

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF  
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 21st DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Plaza 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 and Pledge of Allegiance were given during the Appropriations/NGO Committee, so the President moved onto the next agenda item.

**ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Regular Session Minutes from September 7, 2023 and Special Session Minutes—Tax Board of Review from September 13, 2023 be adopted.* Motion carried.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that the presentation of Special Resolution declaring September as National Sickle Cell Awareness Month and the adoption and presentation of Special Resolution recognizing Dr. Majed Jeroudi be moved to the October 2, 2023 Work Session.*

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that she spoke with the children at Huntington High School regarding Sickle Cell and the effects of it. She thanked those students who were engaged in the discussion. Sickle Cell warriors are the strongest people I know, she said.

Mr. Burrell would like to be added as a sponsor to this special resolution.

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, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
SEPTEMBER AS SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Sickle cell anemia is an inherited blood disorder that mostly affects people of African ancestry, but also occurs in other ethnic groups, including people who are of Mediterranean and Middle Eastern descent.; and

WHEREAS, approximately 100,000 Americans have sickle cell anemia. And roughly 2 million Americans— 1 in 12 African Americans — have the sickle cell trait, which means they carry a single gene for the disease, but do not have the disease itself.; and

WHEREAS, sickle cell disease is a complex genetic disorder characterized by chronic anemia, episodes of debilitating pain and damage to vital organs; and

WHEREAS, early identification of a child with sickle cell disease coupled with antibiotic prophylaxis by 3 months of age and early intervention services, helps those with sickle cell disease while researchers continue to search for a cure; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana remains dedicated to ensuring the accessibility of sickle cell screening, education, and medical care for individuals and families living with sickle cell disease through its support of the Louisiana Department of Community Health's Newborn Screening Program and the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 7th day of September, 2023 that it does hereby proclaim September, 2023 as:

**`National Sickle Cell 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  
DR. MAJED JEROUDI**

WHEREAS, Dr. Majed Jeroudi, a prominent figure in the field of pediatric hematology and oncology, has dedicated his career to providing compassionate and world-class medical care to children facing the challenges of cancer or blood related diseases or disorders;

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeroudi has consistently exhibited a deep commitment to his patients and their families, offering them hope, comfort, and unparalleled medical expertise during some of the most trying moments in their lives;

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeroudi's groundbreaking research and clinical work have significantly advanced our understanding of conditions like sickle cell disease, anemia, hemophilia, lymphoma, leukemia and more, resulting in improved treatment protocols, higher survival rates, and enhanced quality of life for young patients under his care;

WHEREAS, his tireless advocacy for pediatric cancer awareness and research funding has played a pivotal role in raising public awareness and channeling resources towards finding cures for these devastating diseases;

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeroudi's leadership and mentorship have inspired countless healthcare professionals to follow in his footsteps, nurturing a new generation of dedicated practitioners in the field of pediatric hematology and oncology;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes and commends Dr. Majed Jeroudi for his outstanding contributions to the field of pediatric hematology and oncology, his unwavering dedication to the well-being of our community's children, and his exceptional leadership in advancing medical knowledge and care in Caddo Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission extends its heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Jeroudi for his exemplary service and philanthropic efforts, which have enriched the lives of our residents and instilled hope in the face of adversity.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Majed Jeroudi as a token of our community's profound appreciation for his remarkable achievements and unwavering commitment to the children of Caddo Parish.

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that Special Resolution for the Daughters of the American Revolution* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Hopkins, Lazarus, and Young (7). NAYS: Commissioners Epperson, Gage-Watts, Johnson, and Jones (4). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION  
CONSTITUTION WEEK  
THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America is a foundational document that has guided our nation for over two centuries, serving as a beacon of liberty and democracy; and

WHEREAS, Constitution Week, observed annually from September 17th to September 23rd, provides an opportunity for all citizens to reflect upon the importance of our Constitution and the rights and freedoms it guarantees; and

WHEREAS, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a non-profit, non-political women's service organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism, with a long-standing commitment to honoring and celebrating our nation's Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the significant role played by the Daughters of the American Revolution in fostering patriotism, preserving American history, and educating citizens about the Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission on this 18th day of September, 2023, that it does hereby proclaims the week of September 17th to September 23rd as

**"Constitution Week"**

in Caddo Parish and encourages all citizens to take part in Constitution Week activities and to reflect on the enduring importance of our Constitution in shaping our nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Caddo Parish Commission acknowledges and commends the Daughters of the American Revolution for their unwavering dedication to promoting the ideals and principles enshrined in the Constitution of the United States of America. A copy of this resolution shall be presented to the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, recognizing their valuable contributions to our community and our nation.

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that Special Resolution of Recognition for National Association of Gospel Radio President, Charles Johnson* be adopted.

Mr. Johnson said that this resolution is to honor a native of Shreveport, who has had an extraordinary life beginning at a young age. He thanked Mr. Johnson for being a resident of Caddo Parish and putting this community in a positive light.

Mr. CeeJay Johnson thanked the Commissioners for honoring him today. He said that this radio association has over 13 million listeners across the nation.

Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Johnson for all of his hard work within the community. He also said that Shreveport/Caddo Parish is a “gold mine” of gospel talent.

Mr. Atkins congratulated Mr. Johnson for all of his accomplishments.

Mrs. Gage-Watts stated that she is proud of Mr. Johnson for everything that he has done for women and children within the community.

Mr. Jackson agreed and thanked Mr. Johnson for all of his hard work within the community.

Mr. Burrell agreed with all of the sentiments that has been said by his colleagues. He thanked Mr. Johnson for all of his hard work and the work he does with women and children.

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).

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION  
PASTOR CHARLES ‘CEJAY’ JOHNSON  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GOSPEL RADIO PRESIDENT**

WHEREAS, it is with great pride and admiration that we, the members of the Caddo Parish Commission, celebrate the remarkable achievements and contributions of our distinguished community member, Pastor Charles ‘CeJay’ Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Charles ‘CeJay’ Johnson has been selected and duly installed as the President of the National Association of Gospel Radio (NAGR), a prestigious honor that reflects his dedication to the promotion and preservation of gospel music and the radio industry; and

WHEREAS, the installation ceremony took place on September 1st, 2023 in New Orleans, and was a testament to Pastor Johnson's leadership qualities and his ability to inspire others within the field; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Charles ‘CeJay’ Johnson is a beloved host on KOKA, where he has shared his passion for gospel music and his deep commitment to uplifting the spirits of our community through his radio broadcasts; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Johnson's work extends beyond the airwaves, with his role at Alpha Media, further expanding his influence and dedication to sharing the Word of God throughout Caddo Parish and the surrounding communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission proudly recognizes and commends Pastor Charles ‘CeJay’ Johnson for his outstanding achievement in being selected and installed as the President of the National Association of Gospel Radio; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our heartfelt gratitude for his tireless efforts in promoting gospel music and his commitment to making a positive impact on our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Special Resolution be presented to Pastor Charles ‘CeJay’ Johnson as a token of our appreciation and respect for his significant contributions.

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Special Resolution of Recognition for Brady Blade’s 70<sup>th</sup> Preaching Anniversary*.

Mrs. Gage-Watts wanted to know if Mr. Blade was here to receive this today. She also pointed out that she would like to be added as a sponsor to this item. Mr. Burrell would also like to be added as a sponsor.

Mr. Jackson said that this proclamation will be presented to Mr. Blade this Sunday, along with one from President Joe Biden.

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).

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR BRADY BLADE'S 70 YEARS IN MINISTRY**

WHEREAS, it is with great honor and profound appreciation that the Caddo Parish Commission acknowledges the remarkable contributions of REVEREND BRADY BLADE, SR. to our community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Brady Blade, Sr. has dedicated seven decades of his life to the noble calling of ministry, faithfully serving the spiritual needs of our citizens, and inspiring countless individuals through his unwavering commitment to faith and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Brady Blade, Sr. has been a guiding light in our community, offering solace, wisdom, and guidance to those seeking spiritual enlightenment and moral guidance; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Brady Blade, Sr. has been a stalwart advocate for unity, peace, and justice, tirelessly working to bridge divides and promote understanding in our community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Brady Blade, Sr. has not only preached the gospel but has also lived it through his acts of kindness, charity, and selflessness, embodying the true spirit of ministry; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Brady Blade, Sr. was shining shoes on Texas Street in the mid 1950's when he was called to the ministry and gave his first sermon at Trinity Baptist Church before being called to Crosbyton, Texas in 1957 where he would pastor Mount Zion and his path in faith would lead him back to Shreveport and bring him to Zion Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Brady Blade, Sr. has been a source of inspiration for generations, instilling values of love, hope, and faith in the hearts of those he has touched;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby extends its deepest gratitude and admiration to Reverend Brady Blade, Sr. for his outstanding service to our parish and the broader community for the past 70 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend Reverend Brady Blade, Sr. for his unwavering dedication, his tireless efforts to uplift the human spirit, and his lifelong commitment to the principles of faith, love, and compassion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Special Resolution of Recognition be presented to Reverend Brady Blade, Sr. as a token of our heartfelt appreciation, a celebration of his remarkable achievements, and an expression of our gratitude for his immeasurable contributions to the spiritual and moral well-being of our community.

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Special Resolution proclaiming September as NICU Awareness Month* be adopted.

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that she would like to be added to this resolution.

Mr. Jones wanted to bring awareness to NICU. His son, Mason, was born at 26 weeks and was given a 0% chance to live. The nurse came in and prayed with him and his family, and the next day, his son was born. Mason had to spend several months in the NICU before he was able to go home. He asked that everyone wear the color green to show support and awareness for the NICU babies, parents, and staff.

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).

#### **PROCLAMATION NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of newborn infants is of paramount importance to our community, and

WHEREAS, Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs) play a critical role in providing specialized medical care to premature and critically ill infants, and

WHEREAS, the dedicated healthcare professionals, including doctors, nurses, and support staff, work tirelessly to ensure the best possible outcomes for these fragile infants, and

WHEREAS, the families of these infants endure emotional and financial challenges during their neonatal journeys, and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about the importance of neonatal intensive care and supporting the families of NICU patients is essential in our commitment to building a healthier community in Caddo Parish, and

WHEREAS, designating a specific month to focus on neonatal intensive care will help educate our community about the critical work done in our local NICUs and the needs of these infants and their families,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission that September is hereby proclaimed as

**"Neonatal Intensive Care Month"**

in Caddo Parish and it encourages all residents to: recognize the vital role that neonatal intensive care units play in saving the lives of premature and critically ill infants; extend their gratitude and support to the dedicated healthcare professionals who provide compassionate care in our NICUs; and offer their support and assistance to the families of NICU patients who may be facing emotional, financial, and logistical challenges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Caddo Parish Commission calls upon local businesses, community organizations, and individuals to participate in activities and initiatives throughout the month of September that raise awareness about neonatal intensive care and support the families of NICU patients.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Caddo Parish Commission expresses its hope that every infant in Caddo Parish receives the best possible start in life.

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- Dr. Whyte Update

Mrs. Bryant said that Dr. Whyte was not able to attend, but did provide a written update to all of the Commissioners.

- Criminal Justice Millage

Mrs. Bryant said that the primary purpose of this millage is criminal justice. This would allow administration to take care of any costs related to criminal justice, including detention space. She said that there is a need to fight crime in Caddo Parish, and in order to fight crime, there are other issues that could help prevent crime, i.e. litter abatement, blight, etc. She reiterated that the primary purpose of this millage is to increase the resources needed to fight crime.

- Opioid Fund

Mrs. Bryant said that they are working on the RFPs for housing and traffic cameras. Those should be out between October and November.

- Origin Bank

Kim Bailey, Origin Bank Vice-President, came before the Commission and presented some information. The HMDA originations in low to moderate income LMI tracks, Origin Bank had 21.9% of originations compared to 15.10% aggregate. In the majority-minority tracks, Origin had 25.17% of originations compared to 16.11% aggregate. Our CRA donations for 2022 and 2023 included the Fuller Center, United Way, The Arc, Mudbug Madness, Goodwill, Geaux for Kids, Katie Build, Southwood High School, Dress for Success, Rescue Mission, Boys & Girls Club, Christian Services, Cherokee Park Elementary, The Food Bank, Green Oaks High School, Common Ground, North Highlands Elementary, Woodlawn High School, Bank On Shreveport, Men of Courage, David Raines, Shreveport-Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce, Safety Town, North Louisiana Growth & Development Foundation, RISE, and Northwood High School.

Origin Bank also has a Welcome Home Lending Program, which is a fixed rate residential mortgage loan intended to assist households at or below 100% of the area median income. Origin Bank will do up to 100% of the purchase price with a credit score of 620 or better; 90% of the purchase price with a credit score of 600 or better. The bank provides up to \$3,000 in closing costs assistance, and mortgage insurance is not required.

Mr. Jackson thanked Origin Bank and Larry Little for everything that they have done in the community, especially during the Pandemic with regards to PPP loans.

- Commissioner Requests

Mr. Johnson said that he received a call from a resident who has been paying their rent, but the landlord of an apartment complex has not been paying the utility bills. SWEPCO came and disconnected the power. He further stated that this person is on oxygen and CPAP machine. The apartment complex is supposed to pay the utilities, but they have not been. Mr. Johnson said that something needs to be done for these citizens. Mr. Johnson did say that this is inside the city limits.

Answering a question from Mr. Jackson regarding the address of the apartment complex, Mr. Johnson said that the address is 1901 Centenary Boulevard, Shreveport.

### ***PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES & CASES***

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

- *Ordinance No. 6348 of 2023 regarding Zoning 23-19-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 northwest corner of Wells Island Road and Mallott Drive, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1-7, Single Family Residential Zoning District, to I-2, Heavy Industrial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Brandon Kreeel came before the Commission to speak in favor of Ordinance No. 6348 of 2023 and gave the following comment:

The building on the side is a well-maintained industrial building about 9,500 square feet adjacent lies a rock yard to the south. The property has a historic history of historic of industrial, use dating back to the 1960s. It was used in industrially by Grecian Marble until around 2005. In 2010, my late grandfather purchased the property and completed extensive renovations in 2012. Subsequently, the property had been leased to various companies over the past decade. This past March, when he passed, the building was inherited by my mother--who I'm here representing today. It is vital to recognize that the building has been predominantly served as a storage--as a company storage facility, an office space, which is aligned well with the industrial nature of the majority of neighboring properties. Our goal is to be able to operate this property in a way that is compatible with surrounding neighborhood. I appreciate your time and hearing this. I also have additional information if you'd like to see it.

Mr. Jackson asks for more clarification regarding this property. Alan Clarke said that the future land use map for this area shows that there is I-2 zoning and I-1 zoning. He also mentioned that they reached out to Cherokee Park with zero concerns regarding this zoning change. He said that they agree with the PZC.

- *Ordinance No. 6354 of 2023 regarding Zoning Case 23-25-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 east side of Devereaux Road approximately seven hundred ninety-six feet north of Pinehill Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single Family Residential District to R-TH, Residential Townhouse District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

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

### ***PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES***

The President then opened the public hearing on the following ordinances:

- *Ordinance No. 6345 of 2023, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditure for the Oil & Gas Fund to provide air condition to Caddo citizens, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

Ms. Jon Glover came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Just before against, please come. John glover, good evening. Reading this, um, This language and then looking at the explanation or fact sheet, there's not anything here that tells me who will be the recipient of these dollars. I know that you all represent THE Parish, but THE Parish is a large area. So, who is it that will be receiving these air conditioners? I know \$200,000--air conditioners don't cost a lot of money, but there should be some criteria here that lets me know as a citizen how it is that one can be considered to receive this item. Thank you.

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

### **ZONING ORDINANCES (for final passage)**

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that Ordinance No. 6348 of 2023 regarding Zoning 23-19-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 northwest corner of Wells Island Road and Mallott Drive, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1-7, Single Family Residential Zoning District, to I-2, Heavy Industrial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.*

Mr. Jackson said that he initially had some reservations regarding this, but he is ok with the guidance that was given by the subject matter experts. He said that a thorough vetting process was had with this rezoning, and it is contiguous with the surrounding properties.

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

### **ORDINANCE NO. 6348 OF 2023, ZONING CASE 23-19-P**

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 NORTHWEST CORNER OF WELLS ISLAND ROAD AND MALLOTT DRIVE, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-1-7 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO I-2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL 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 Northwest corner of Wells Island Road and Mallott Drive, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended **from R-1-7 Single-Family Residential Zoning District To I-2 Heavy Industrial Zoning District:**

0.612 Ac. M/L - All That Part Of Lots 2 Thru 5, Malott Subn. Lying W. Of Levee & E. Of Malott Subdivision Unit No. 2 & All Of Lot 6, Malott Subn. Lying E. Of Malott Subdivision Unit No. 2, & Lot 7, Malott Sub. 181414-1-7 1/3 Land & Imps Lvd & 0.645 Ac. M/L - Lot 1, Malott Subdivision Unit No. 2, Section 14, T18N, R14W, 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.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Ordinance No. 6354 of 2023 regarding Zoning Case 23-25-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 east side of Devereaux Road approximately seven hundred ninety-six feet north of Pinehill Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single Family Residential District, to R-TH, Residential Townhouse District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.*

Mr. Johnson asked for more clarification regarding the zoning case. Mr. Clarke said that this is part of a trend where multi-family zoning districts are replacing single-family zoning districts. Duplexes are becoming acceptable in the previously single-family districts. It will take time before citizens are receptive to this trend, he said.

Mr. Johnson said that the notifications were sent to Agers, North Highlands, Cherokee Park, etc., and there weren't any complaints—the complaints came from the other side of North Market. He believes that the development of new properties should not be hampered due to the neglect of other property owners. Mr. Johnson said that he is in favor of this and reiterated that this will not be Section 8 Housing, but will be affordable housing. He asked that this be adopted. Mr. Jackson agreed with Mr. Johnson.

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 6354 OF 2023, ZONING CASE 23-25-P**

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 EAST SIDE OF DEVEREARUX ROAD APPROXIMATELY SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-SIX FEET NORTH OF PINEHILL ROAD., CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM R-1-7, SINGLE- FAMIYL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-TH, TOWNHOUSE RESIDENTIALDISTRICT, 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 east side of Devereaux road approximately seven hundred ninety-six feet north of Pine Hill Road, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended **from R-1-7, Single-Family Residential District to R-TH, Townhouse Residential District:**

2.667 ACS. M/L A TR. OF LAND IN W/2 OF NW/4 OF SEC. 4(18-14) COMMENCE AT THE E. R/W LINE OF DEVEREAUX RD. AND BEING THE NW/COR. OF LOT 1, TEMPLE OF CHRIST BAPTIST CHURCH NORTH SUB. RUN THENCE N. 00 DEG. 41 MIN. 22 SEC. E. 283.26 FT.; THENCE N. 00 DEG. 53 MIN. 16 SEC. E. 100 FT. FOR POB. THENCE N. 00 DEG. 53 MIN. 16 SEC. E. 394.72 FT., THENCE S. 89 DEG. 07 MIN. 50 SEC. E. 295.04 FT., THENCE S. 00 DEG. 58 MIN. 57 SEC. W. 393.75 FT., THENCE N. 89 DEG. 19 MIN. 10 SEC. W. 294.39 FT. TO POB., Section 4, T18N, R14W 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.

#### ***ORDINANCES (for final passage)***

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that Ordinance No. 6345 of 2023, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Oil & Gas Fund to provide air condition to Caddo citizens and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted. Motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, and Jones (5). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Chavez, Hopkins, Lazarus, and Young (6). ABSENT: Commissioner Epperson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

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

- *Ordinance No. 6355 of 2023, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Oil & 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 Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Building Maintenance Fund, Capital Improvement Fund I, Capital Improvement Fund II, Oil & Gas Fund, Public Works Fund, Detention Facilities Fund, and Capital Outlay Fund for the year 2023 to terminate completed or lapsed capital projects, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

### **WORK SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Work Session Minutes from September 18, 2023 be ratified.* Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

- *Resolution No. 48 of 2023, a resolution establishing a Citizens Disaster Response, Recovery & Review Committee in Caddo Parish, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 49 of 2023, a resolution urging and requesting the State of Louisiana to review disparities of Sickle Cell Disease disability compensation compared to other diseases, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (10). NAYS: Commissioner Chavez (1). ABSENT: Commissioner Epperson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

### **RESOLUTION NO. 48 OF 2023**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CITIZENS DISASTER RESPONSE, RECOVERY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE IN CADDO PARISH AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee has diligently reviewed various aspects of response to natural disasters which impacted Caddo Parish during the Summer of 2023;

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee would like to have on going citizen input on matters related to disaster response and believes that the best mechanism for gaining such input is organizing a Citizen's Disaster Response, Recovery & Review Committee to make recommendations to the Caddo Parish Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does establish a Citizen's Disaster Response, Recovery & Review Committee to assist the Commission to assess, communicate and meet the needs of citizens following any future disaster situations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this committee shall consist of 27 members who shall reside in Caddo Parish and appointed by the Caddo Parish Commission with two member from each Parish commission district to be nominated by the respective Parish Commissioner and 3 appointees from the Caddo Parish Administrator.

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 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. 49 OF 2023**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING THE STATE OF LOUISIANA REVIEW DISPARITIES OF SICKLE CELL DISEASE DISABILITY COMPENSATION COMPARED TO OTHER DISEASES AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the cost of managing sickle cell disease is high;

WHEREAS, sickle cell disease has long-term health complications for person suffering from it;

WHEREAS, the National Sickle Cell Anemia Control Act (P.L. 92-294) was signed into law in 1972;

WHEREAS, the Sickle Cell Disease and Other Heritable Blood Disorders Research, Surveillance, Prevention, and Treatment Act (P.L. 115-327) was enacted in 2018;

WHEREAS, sickle cell disease is still frequently contested as a disability;

WHEREAS, there are disparities in disability compensation determinations for persons with sickle cell disease compared to others; and

WHEREAS, Disability Determination Services in the Department of Children and Family Services is the state agency responsible for determining disability for purposes of Disability Insurance Benefits and Supplemental Security Income.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, Office of Disability Determination Services, Governor's Office of Disability Affairs, and Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs to address the disparity in qualifying for disability benefits for persons suffering from sickle cell disease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana as well as the Secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services as well as those agencies named above

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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

- *Confirm reappointment of Fred White, Rickey Hall, Kyle McInnis, Archer Frierson, and Zazell Dudley to the Industrial Development Board. Terms to expire August 22, 2029*
- *Confirm Origin Bank as the fiscal agent for the Parish of Caddo for November 1, 2023 until October 31, 2025*
- *Confirm changing the scope of Fire District No. 8 ARPA project from SCBA air pack bottle replacement to the purchase of a sprint truck*

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

**COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Atkins thanked the Commission for their support on reappointing the members of the Industrial Development Board.
- Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked everyone for dressing in red today in honor of Sickle Cell Awareness Month. She asked that everyone light their residences and businesses up red.

- Mr. Burrell talked about possible zoning violations occurring in his neighborhood. He said that these businesses are piling up their products next to the residential homes. Mr. Clarke said that they will be investigating these complaints to determine whether or not those property owners are in violation.

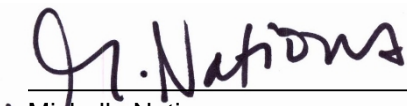
Mr. Burrell then said that there is a tree on Lakeshore and Grove. He asked if there was anything that could be done about it.


Mr. Burrell talked about the dog issue on Alabama and Stonewall. Mr. Samuel said that they were able to get two of the dogs, but they are going to set out traps for the others.

- Mr. Young thanked Mr. Samuel for all of his hard work in trying to get the wild dogs in Cedar Grove and Spring Lake.

- Mrs. Bryant announced that Captain Thomas Murphy has resigned from the Port Board. She mentioned that there are specific guidelines that have to be followed when appointing the next board member.

There was no further business to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

  
Michelle Nations  
Assistant to the Commission Clerk

  
Roy Burrell  
Commission President