

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
PUBLIC SAFETY AD HOC COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 20TH DAY OF MAY, 2024

The Caddo Parish Public Safety Funding Ad Hoc Committee met in legal session on the above date at 2:00 p.m., in the Government Plaza Chambers, with Mr. Epperson, presiding, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Epperson, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (4). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1).

Mr. J. Young gave the invocation, and Mr. Thomas led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Thomas**, seconded by Mr. J. Young, *that the amended agenda reflecting Ordinance No. 6425 of 2024, instead of Ordinance No. 6403, be adopted.*

There being no one to speak in favor or against the agenda addition, the Chair closed the public hearing.

At this time, Mr. Thomas' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Epperson, Thomas, and J. Young (3). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and G. Young (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

There being no public comments, the Committee moved onto New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Discussion and recommendations related to Ordinance No. 6425 of 2024, concerning short-term rentals*

Mr. J. Young said that this item was proposed to improve the revocation and suspension of the short-term rentals code due to occupants conducting in activities that result in violence or danger to the community. He mentioned that short-term rentals are housing, but operate as businesses, which is why there is a separate permit scheme for them. The short-term rentals affect the neighborhoods and residents in which they are located.

Mr. J. Young explained that this came forward due to concerns about a short-term rental that was "shot up after a wild party". He would like for the short-term rental rule to be treated somewhat like a certificate of occupancy where you have to follow certain conditions, and if those conditions aren't met, then the license can be revoked.

Mr. J. Young also mentioned that the PZC voted against this unanimously. He feels that they did not have complete understanding of what this rule was. Mr. J. Young also suggested that the code should include giving short-term rental operators conditions of things that shouldn't happen, such as excessive crowds, large parties, violence, etc. He would like to request that the MPC/PZC create another draft of this code to explain his concerns.

He also said that Dixie Garden is the only area that is in Parish in his district. He did receive several signatures of people in favor of "the authority to revoke or suspend short-term rentals, Airbnb, etc., permit for good cause like disturbing the peace, violence, excessive crowds, or parties".

Attorney Bernstein said that the appropriate disposition to this is to send it back to the MPC and PZC with the recommendations by Mr. J. Young so they can draft changes to the ordinances.

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mr. Thomas, *to add provisions to the Unified Development Code relative to the revocation or suspension of a short-term rental permit thereunder when the conduct of the business of short-term rental is incompatible with the neighborhood and environs of the property on which the short-term rental is located* be forwarded to the full body.

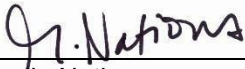
Mr. Epperson asked that a draft of this amended ordinance be sent back to this committee prior to submitting it to the MPC/PZC.

The Clerk of the Commission suggested that this be attached as an exhibit to the current ordinance due to it being placed back on the agenda during the first meeting in June.

Mr. Thomas would like to have this drafted and moved forward. He also suggested that this topic be addressed during the Intergovernmental Meeting.

At this time, Mr. J. Young's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Epperson, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (4). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.



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